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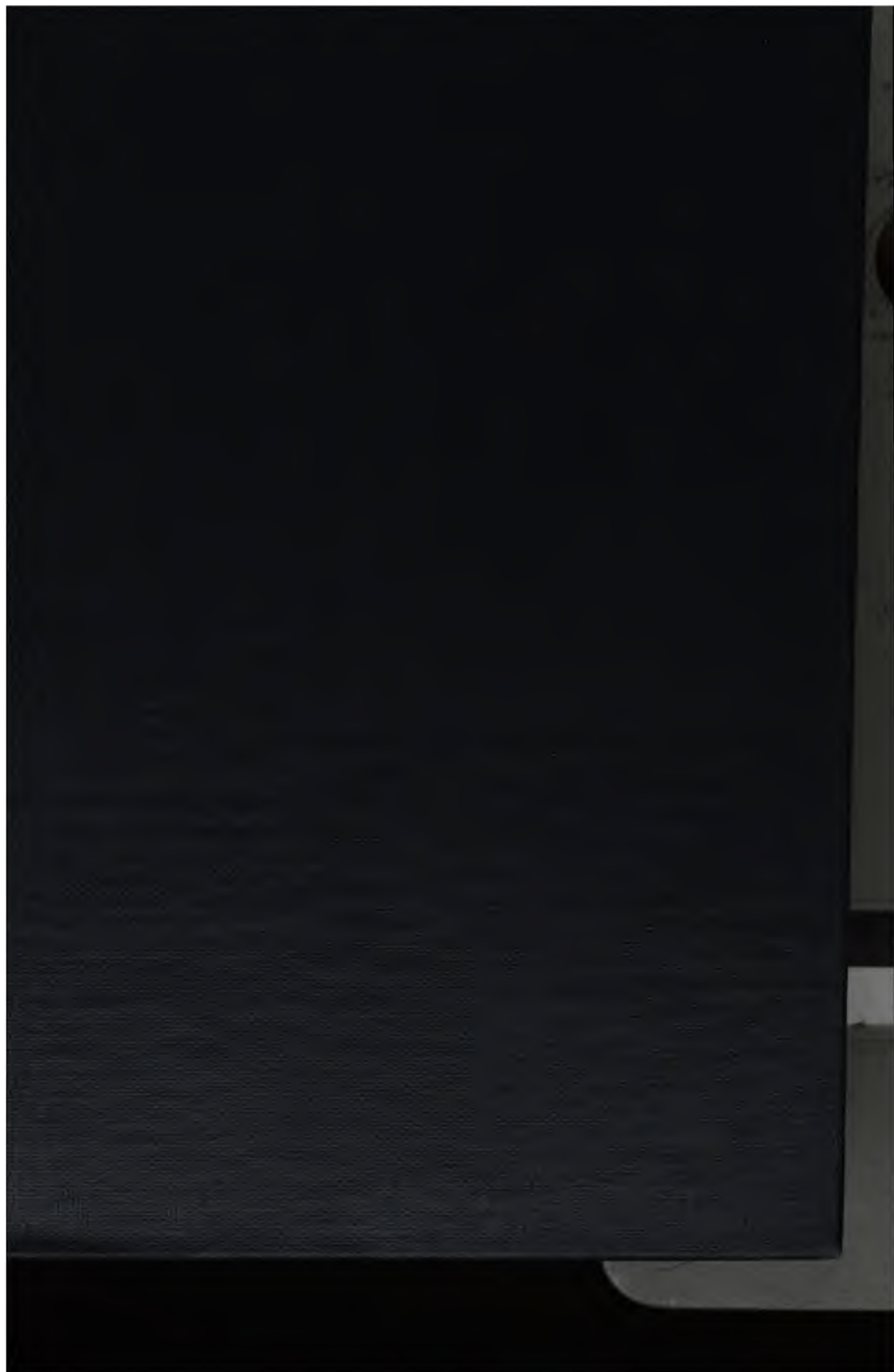
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AND
BRIDGEWATER,
CONNECTICUT,
1703-1882,

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"For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more."

Yet is the work of man beautiful, in its many thousand forms, and its remembrance is a joy to the living, for ever.

PREFACE.

THE most emphatic statement to be made in this preface is that the author has done what he could within the time which it is consistent to bestow upon the work, and that he is now keenly sensible that what is not written is more than that which is here recorded. The town was large in territory at first, and is still, although one whole town, and considerable parts of two others, have been taken from it; and to put the whole record into one volume has cost the exercise of great energy in abbreviating and condensing the material obtained. But it is certain that, according to the judgment possessed, the selections made have been well proportioned in relation to all the purposes to be served by such a work, and the author feels better satisfied, in this respect, perhaps, than anybody else will. To have written a racy, reading book would have cost the loss of three-fourths of the historical matter now included, and hence the choice has been to make it thoroughly a historical work.

In regard to the work bestowed, it is truthful to say that the assistance from the people of the town has been greater than rendered to the author in any similar work, and the cordial good cheer indicated by every one with whom he has met has been almost surprising, and most

decidedly encouraging, and hence the labor of preparing the work has been most delightful throughout. To say, "thank you all," is a diminutive statement, although the largest that is at command without going out of the English language.

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Very important aid has been received by being granted, most cheerfully, the privilege of frequent consultation of the libraries of the Rev. J. F. Schroeder and Mrs. Cornelia E. Wright.

To all these friends it is a pleasure to express special obligations; but more particularly is it a pleasure to have become acquainted with them through such a medium—the making of a book to treasure up the memory of the departed.

The vote of the town to put maps and a picture of the Town Hall into the book is highly appreciated, but upon careful inquiry it was ascertained that such maps as were proposed would be unsatisfactory to every body, nearly, and hence the two items have been secured at nearly double the sum voted by the town. In addition to these, several engravings have been secured at a cost to the author of nearly two hundred dollars, which were not contemplated in the first plan of the book, but these pictures, representing New Milford scenery, are thought to be an important addition to the work.

So far as the author's judgment can decide, this book is much more complete than any work he has published. For want of room and time, he has not been able to bring the record of all the families of the town down to the present time as fully as he at first proposed, and for the same reasons the inscriptions in the new part of the village cemetery are not in the book.

Whatever defects may be found in the work, it is certain the author has done the best that he could within the time occupied in preparing the work.

THE AUTHOR.



Samuel Orcutt

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HISTORY OF NEW MILFORD.

CHAPTER I.

THE PLANTATION.



A GIRL of only eight years of age, coming into the deep wilderness with her father, was the queen of the first household of white persons established in the territory, which, for one hundred and seventy-eight years, has been known by the name of New Milford. John Noble, Sen., was that father, who, being a resident of Westfield, Massachusetts, on the 22d day of June, 1706, purchased of Richard Bryan, of Milford, who stood number fifteen on the list of proprietors, his original "Right," or a one hundred and fourth part of the undivided territory then recently bought of the Indians and named as above, lying in the dense, sublime, primitive forests, nearly on the western border of Connecticut, where, unto that day, none but the wild Indian had made a habitation for the rest and security of man. On the same day his son John Noble, Jr., bought a "Right" of John Woodruff, it having been the right originally of James Fenn, who stood number seventy on the list of the original proprietors of the plantation.

In the next spring or summer, 1707, John Noble, Sen., called in his deed "planter," made his way through the wilderness in company with his little daughter Sarah, and took up his habitation among the Indians, in one of the most picturesque localities in the valley of the Housatonic River, known then for more than forty years, in the Indian language, as Weantinock. He at first built a "hut" at the foot of Fort Hill, a little to the north of the Indian burying-place, where the cellar or excavation is still to be seen, and where he dwelt with his daughter while

he built a commodious house at the south end of the "Town plat."

Concerning this first inhabitant, the Rev. Stanley Griswold, pastor of the first Congregational Church at this place, in a century sermon delivered in 1801, makes the following statement :

"The first white settler who came to this town was John Noble, from Westfield, Mass., who came here in the year 1707. He brought with him at first one of his daughters, then about eight years old. He first built a hut under what is called Fort Hill, but afterwards moved, and pitched here in the centre of the town. His house here was for some time the last house on this side of Albany, and General Nicholson once lodged in it during the reign of Queen Anne. It deserves to be mentioned to the credit of the natives, that Mr. Noble once left his little daughter, then eight years old, with them for the space of three or four weeks, while he was necessarily absent from the town, and on his return found she had been well treated and taken exceeding good care of. Another daughter of his, the late Mrs. Margaret Hine, who died here in the 93d year of her age, was then three years old, and the fact was fresh in her memory, as she had heard it while young, though she herself was not yet brought hither."

In the following February a record was made: "The second lot on the Plain, at the South end of the hill, on the east side of the street at New Milford is Thomas Smith's, seven acres and a half, bounded south with John Noble's, the town street west, undivided land east, and with the next lot north, being sixty rods in length and twenty in breadth. Feb. 21, 1707-8." Mr. Noble did not settle on this lot for he had already built a house on the opposite side of the street further south.

Tradition speaks of the hut where the daughter was cared for while her father was absent a short time, as an "Indian's hut"; but inasmuch as Indians seldom, if ever, build their huts in the side of a hill, certainly no others in New Milford, and since John Noble did this site now visible must be that of Mr. Noble's first house in the wilderness. It is a very gratifying fact that a copy of a letter written in 1796 by Sherman Boardman, son of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, is still preserved, for by it some dates and items of history are preserved which are nowhere else to be found. Some of this letter may be found in the Indian history

part of this work, and that which relates to the first settler here is as follows :

"An anecdote is related of John Noble the settler, who, when he first came to labor here, brought his little daughter Hannah, about eight or nine years old, to cook his victuals. He built a palisade¹ house at the foot of the hill where the Indian fort stood, where he lived with his little daughter some time, until some gentlemen came to him and requested him to pilot them through the woods to Albany, one hundred miles distant, when he left his little daughter in care of a squaw, fourteen miles from any white people, and was absent two or three weeks ; when he returned he found her kept very neat and clean. Such was his confidence in the care and friendship of the Indians. This I have often heard her relate, as she was my School Dame. After this Mr. Noble removed to this side of the river and built a log-house, secured as a fort a great many years for the white people ; as the Indians had a stockade fort on the west side. To either of these forts the people came for shelter in an alarm during Queen Anne's war. General Nicholson lodged in this house (which was the last house on this side of Albany) on his expedition to Wood Creek where he built Fort Ann."

This second house of John Noble, Sen., stood on the site of the present dwelling of Col. Charles D. Blinn, and apparently must have been erected in the autumn of 1707 or spring of 1708, for, in the petition of the inhabitants to the General Assembly in October, 1711, it is said, "since the time of our first settlement, which is about three years ;" and if this was true, then several of these twelve families took up their residence here in the spring or summer of 1708, and some of them erected their houses further north, or towards Albany, than was that of John Noble, Sen. In February, 1708, John Noble, Jr., was here and made a selection of his home lot. He did not come with his father at first, and hence, probably, did come with his mother and the family in the autumn of 1707 ; and if these conclusions are the truth, as they appear to be, then, also, the log-house of John Noble, Sen., was built in the autumn of 1707 or in the spring of 1708.

How Mr. Noble made his way through the wilderness with

¹ A house secured as a fort.

his little daughter, at first, is unknown, but it is quite certain that it was with difficulty and persevering exertion. For sixty years there had been a path from Hartford to Farmington, and for twenty or more, from Farmington to Waterbury and Woodbury, and from the last place to New Milford there could have been only the uncertain and probably untraceable path of the Indian. There is something charming, however, in his bringing his little daughter with him into the deep wilderness. He left at home a family of nine children, if they were all still living, and one only a year old ; but since, to a father in his absence from home, a daughter is a far better representative of home, although requiring more attention and care than a son, he brought with him his little daughter Sarah. What could she do, an eight-year-old child, in the great wilderness? Ah! she could make the wilderness seem like *home* to him, so that his heart would not fail him, while he should toil to build a habitation for those he had left behind. But it is said the little girl came "to cook his victuals." What, a woman at eight years of age! No wonder that she became the "School Dame" of Sherman Boardman, twenty years later ;—and very probably, the first school dame, or teacher, in the township.

Romance has never painted a picture more perfectly true to the heart of a father, or to the charming bravery of a young daughter of only eight years, than is found in the history of the settlement of the first family in the beautiful township of New Milford.

The second family that settled here was that of John Bostwick, according to the papers of the late Judge David S. Boardman.

To secure the right of permanent homes, the early settlers of New England found two things important to be obtained, the authority of the state (in whatever form it might be) and the purchase of the right of the soil from the natives. These they generally attended to with great carefulness, and by repeated payments for the same territory, and these two items were completed for New Milford by a company of one hundred and nine persons from Milford. Situated on the shore of Long Island Sound, Milford (sometimes called "Old Milford" by way of distinction) had sent out several colonies to form plantations, or

civil organizations, into the wilderness parts of the country. First, a number of her families removed to Stratford; next, ten men, as a company, purchased a tract of land at Paugassett, afterwards named Derby, and made a settlement there; then another company established the plantation of Woodbury. Several families joined with a company from near Boston in the settlement of Setauket, Long Island; others became interested in and removed to a settlement in the state of Delaware in connection with the New Haven company, and finally the New Milford Company was organized, and the deed from the natives obtained.

Several efforts had been made, previous to 1700, to establish a plantation in this part of the colony. In May, 1670, the General Court granted liberty to "Capt. Nathan Gould, Mr. Jehu and John Burr, to purchase Weantenock and the lands adjacent, of the Indians, to make a plantation if it be capable for such a thing," and a committee was appointed by the same authority. Soon after this a purchase was made of the Indians under this grant, of over 26,000 acres of land lying on both sides of the river, here at Weantinock, but nothing further was accomplished. This was the purchase wherein Col. John Read became interested.

In 1675 the General Court sent a committee to see if the country here was large enough for two plantations, but no report of that committee has been seen.

In 1677, "Scantamaug of Wyantenuck having made complaint of Henry Tomlinson buying land of theirs in a private way to their prejudice &c.," the General Court sent the case for a hearing to the Fairfield Court, which case was decided in favor of Mr. Tomlinson.

Again, in 1678, the Court granted to "the Hon. Dept. Gov. Major Robert Treat with Mr. Bryan, Sen. or Junior, Capt. John Bird, Lt. Samuel Eells, liberty to view and buy convenient land for a plantation in those adjacent places about Potatuck, Weantenuck or thereabouts"; but this company made no purchase here.

The next movement of which we learn, was that of the Milford people to whom the General Court gave liberty in May, 1702, and under which they made the purchase and the following deed was obtained:

Indian Deed to the Proprietors of New Milford.

This Deed of Sail bearing Date the Eighth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and two or three Witnesseth that we Papetoppe, Rapiscotoo, Wampotoo, Hawwasues, Yoncomis, Shoopack, Parameshe, Nokopurrs, Paconaus, Wewinapouch, Do for ourselves and the rest of our friends the Indians Sole proprietors our heirs Executors, administrators and for and in consideration of Sixty pounds Current money of this Colony of Connecticut and Twenty pounds in Goods at money price to us in hand at and before the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents by Col. Robert Treat Mr. Thomas Clark, Ens. George Clark, Ens. Joseph Treat, Ens. Joseph Peck, Sergt. Jonathan Baldwin and Sargt. Timothy Baldwin in the behalf of the rest of the Proprietors or purchasers of Weantinock of Milford in the county of New Haven in the Colony of Connecticut in New England well and truly paid, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and ourselves therewith fully satisfied and contented and thereof and every part thereof do acquit, exonerate and discharge the said Col. Robert Treat, Mr. Thomas Clark, Ens. George Clark, Ens. Joseph Peck, Ens. Joseph Treat, Sargt. Jonathan Baldwin and Sargt. Timothy Baldwin and all the rest of the above said purchasers of Weantenogue their heirs, executors administrators and assigns forever, by these presents Have Given Granted Bargained and sold alienated enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do fully, freely, clearly and absolutely give, grant Bargain sell, alienate, enfeoff and confirm unto the abovesaid Col. Robert Treat, Mr. Thomas Clark, Ens. George Clark, Ens. Joseph Treat, Ens. Joseph Peck, Sargt. Jonathan Baldwin and Sargt. Timothy Baldwin and the rest of the purchasers of Weantenogue abovesaid, heirs executors administrators and assigns forever: A Certain Tract of Land called Weeantenock with all and singular its Rights members and appurtenances together with all woods, waters, Stones, mines minerals, with all other privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining according to the draught given of said land by the above named Indians; the abovesaid land being bounded easterly with woodbury bound, and a parallel line running northward and southward according to the draught above mentioned and is bounded westerly with the mountain as appears by said draught and Whomeseeage a small Brook running into the Great river northwesterly [northeasterly] as appears by said draught, and from the abovesaid Brook at the northwest corner—the northernmost bounds runs to the eastward, to the parallel line above mentioned according to said draught and with Danbury Bounds southwesterly according to said draught, and Southeast with Woodbury bounds, all which said land with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. The abovesaid Col. Robert Treat, Mr. Thomas Clark, Ens. George Clark, Ens. Joseph Treat, Ens. Joseph Peck, Sargt. Jonathan Baldwin and Sargt. Timothy Baldwin and the rest of the purchasers of Weantenogue abovesaid, their heirs executors administrators and assigns are to have and to hold forever; and further we the above named Indians do for ourselves and the rest of our Friends the Indians, Proprietors our heirs executors and administrators warrant and defend all the above named premises with their appurtenances and every part thereof unto the said Col. Robert Treat, Mr. Thomas Clark, Ens. George Clark, Ens. Joseph Treat, Ens. Joseph Peck, Sargt. Jonathan Baldwin and Sargt. Timothy Baldwin and the rest of the purchasers of Weantenogue abovesaid their heirs and assigns against all and every person and persons whatsoever any ways lawfully claiming or demanding the same or any part thereof. In witness whereof we the

¹ Town Rec., vol. ix, 269.

above named Indians have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

It is to be noted that the above named Indians do reserve for their use their present planting field and a privilege of fishing at the Falls.

Papetoppe	his mark,	Shoopack	his mark,
Rapiscotoo	his mark,	Wewinapouch	his mark,
Towwecomis	his mark,	Pocanus	his mark,
Wompotoo	his mark,	Paramethe	his mark,
Nanhootoo	his mark,	Wewinapuck	his mark,
Hawwasues	his mark,	Chasqueneag	his mark,
Yoncomis	his mark,	Papircam	his mark.

Signed, sealed in presence of us

John Minor, interpreter, allowed both by the English and the Indians,
Ebenezer Johnson,
John Durand,
Tomoseete his mark,
Nonawak his mark.

Witnessed before Ebenezer Johnson, Justice of the peace of Derby.

The original deed was deposited or recorded at Hartford in the State Records. Three of the above Indian names are found attached to Indian deeds in Derby, and several of them as belonging to the deeds of Woodbury.

By this deed is given the information that the Indians possessed a "draught"—that is, a drawing or outline map of the territory to be decided—so that there should be no question as to the boundaries. It will be seen by a careful reading of these boundaries, as well as those of the town patent or charter, that New Milford was never any part of Woodbury, as many persons have heretofore supposed. The fact that this town was "bounded easterly with Woodbury bound," and that line an old one, precludes the above supposition, and concedes that it was territory wholly outside of any established plantation or town in the state.

The Original Proprietors.

It will be remembered that Milford had been settled sixty-three years when the New Milford purchase was made, and hence these proprietors were the children and grandchildren of the first settlers of that place and not the pilgrim settlers themselves. Nor did all of these proprietors settle in New Milford, for several of them sold their "Rights" before any settler took up his habitation here, as in the case of Mr. Fenn; and then followed a series of land, or real estate, speculations, which con-

tinued moderately to increase until about 1734, when a kind of land speculating epidemic prevailed throughout Connecticut, rising higher and higher through the issuing of paper money, until a little before 1760, when the English government stopped the making of Colony Bills, whereupon the paper money went to naught, nearly, and the whole business of land sales went down with a fearful crash.

A List of the Names of the Original Purchasers and Proprietors of the Township of New Milford.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
1	Committee.	Colonel Robert Treat,	1	4	0	37	Samuel Camp, Lanesend,	1	4	0
2		Mr. Thomas Clark,	1	4	0	38	Nathaniel Farrand, Jr.,	1	4	0
3		Ens. George Clark,	1	4	0	39	Thomas Tibballs,	1	4	0
4		Lieut. Joseph Treat,	1	4	0	40	Thomas Canfield,	1	4	0
5		Ens. Joseph Peck,	1	4	0	41	John Merwin,	1	4	0
6		Jonathan Baldwin,	1	4	0	42	Sammel Smith, West end,	1	4	0
7		Capt. Samuel Eells,	1	4	0	43	William Gold,	1	4	0
8		Sergt. Edward Camp,	1	4	0	44	Joseph Wheeler,	1	4	0
9		Rev. Mr. Andrew,	1	4	0	45	Job Prince,	1	4	0
10		Thomas Welch,	1	4	0	46	Andrew Samford,	0	12	0
11		James Prime,	1	4	0	47	Samuel Camp, son of Edward			
12		Stephen Miles,	1	4	0		Camp,	1	4	0
13		Barnabas Baldwin,	1	4	0	48	Eleazer Prindle,	1	4	0
14		John Woodruff,	1	4	0	49	Lieut. Camp,	1	4	0
15		Mr. Richard Bryan,	1	4	0	50	William Scone,	1	4	0
16		Daniel Terrill,	1	4	0	51	Widow Mary Baldwin,	0	12	0
17		Samuel Brisco,	1	4	0	52	James Baldwin,	0	12	0
18		Timothy Botsford,	1	4	0	53	Nathaniel Baldwin, cooper,	0	12	0
19		Sergt. Daniel Baldwin,	1	4	0	54	Samuel Baldwin, wheelwright,	1	4	0
20		Mr. Robert Treat,	1	4	0	55	Lieut. Joseph Platt,	1	4	0
21		Mr. Robert Plum,	0	12	0	56	Sergt. Miles Merwin,	1	4	0
22		Deacon Platt,	1	4	0	57	Samuel Samford, Sen.,	1	4	0
23		Thomas Clark,	1	4	0	58	John Beard,	1	4	0
24		Mr. Samuel Clark, Jr.,	1	4	0	59	Mr. Samuel Andrew, Sen.,	1	4	0
25		Samuel Buckingham,	1	4	0	60	George Clark, Sen.,	1	4	0
26		Thomas Buckingham,	1	4	0	61	Joseph Clarke,	1	4	0
27		John Buckingham,	1	4	0	62	Joseph Peck, Jr.,	1	4	0
28		William Wheeler,	1	4	0	63	John Camp,	1	4	0
29		Nathaniel Farrand, Sen.,	1	4	0	64	Sergt. John Smith,	1	4	0
30		George Allen,	1	4	0	65	Jonathan Law, Jr.,	1	4	0
31		Samuel Camp, mason,	1	4	0	66	John Allen,	1	4	0
32		John Smith ye 4th,	1	4	0	67	Hugh Grey,	1	4	0
33		Samuel Clark, Sen.,	1	4	0	68	Joseph Ashburn,	1	4	0
34		Ephraim Burwell,	1	4	0	69	John Summers,	0	12	0
35		Joseph Beard,	1	4	0	70	James Fenn,	1	4	0
36		Joseph Camp,	1	4	0	71	Zechariah Whitman,	1	4	0

ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
72 William Adams,	1	4	0	93 Samuel Merwin,	1	4	0
73 Joseph Rogers,	1	4	0	94 Lieut. Samuel Burwell,	1	4	0
74 Samuel Stone,	1	4	0	95 Samuel Miles,	1	4	0
75 Jonathan Baldwin, Jr.,	1	4	0	96 James Beard,	1	4	0
76 Jesse Lambert,	1	4	0	97 Samuel Nettleton,	1	4	0
77 Samuel Prudden,	1	4	0	98 Joseph Treat, son of Lieut			
78 Henry Summers,	0	12	0	Treat,	1	4	0
79 Samuel Smith Walter,	0	12	0	99 Jeremiah Canfield,	1	4	0
80 Sergt. Zechariah Baldwin,	1	4	0	100 Thomas Smith,	1	4	0
81 Benjamin Smith, Sen.,	1	4	0	101 Nathaniel Baldwin, Sen.,	1	4	0
82 John Clark,	0	12	0	102 Jeremiah Beard,	1	4	0
83 John Smith, Jr.,	1	4	0	103 Bethel Lankstaff,	1	4	0
84 John Platt,	1	4	0	104 Andrew Samford, Jr.,	1	4	0
85 Josiah Platt,	1	4	0	105 Nath. Samford,	1	4	0
86 Richard Platt,	1	4	0	106 John Merwin, Jr.,	1	4	0
87 William Fowler,	1	4	0	107 Joseph Tibbals,	1	4	0
88 Samuel Prindle,	0	12	0	108 Billin Baldwin, in Right of			
89 Sergt. Samuel Beard,	1	4	0	her father, Sergt. Timothy			
90 Sergt. Samuel Northrop,	1	4	0	Baldwin, late of Milford,			
91 George Clarke, Jr.,	1	4	0	deceased,	1	4	0
92 Samuel Coley,	1	4	0	109 Mr. Samuel Mather,	1	4	0

Those whose names are above written are the Associates, Purchasers, and Proprietors of Newmilford, and the sums annexed to their names, their Right of Purchase acknowledged by us whose names are in the Patent for said Newmilford.

Dated in Milford, April, 1706.

ROBERT TREAT, Sen.,
 THOMAS CLARKE, Sen.,
 GEORGE CLARKE,
 JOSEPH TREAT,
 JOSEPH PECK,
 JONATHAN BALDWIN.

Recorded by me,

JONATHAN LAW,
Register of Newmilford.

The territory of the plantation, with all its interests and values, was divided into one hundred and four parts or shares, and the payment of twenty-four shillings secured one share.

The number of proprietors was one hundred and nine, for although ten of them owned but half of what was called a "whole Right," yet such owners were proprietors. In the deeds given for these Rights during many years afterwards, reference was frequently made to the original proprietors or Rights. The money thus secured amounted to £124 16s; the sum paid to the Indians for the land was £80, and the remainder of the money, with the territory, constituted the capital stock with which

to begin the enterprise of settling a new "Plantation," for until 1712 it was only a plantation, and not a town.

The "Patent," which was the Legislative title to the land, was granted by the General Court on the 22d day of October, 1703.

It soon became evident that the proprietors had made a mistake in allowing the natives to reserve the Indian field, and they made haste to secure it by the following deed :

The Second Indian Deed.

Be it known unto all men by these presents, bearing ye 29th of August, 1705, that I, Shamenunckqus, alias Bapistoo, ye absolute proprietor to the fields at Weantanuck that was a late purchase made by honorable gentlemen of Milford, reserved for ye Indians improvement until a further purchase of the same should be made at known boundaries both by Indians and English, be it more or less, I say, for a valuable consideration in hand received, or satisfying security for the same, have sold, alienated, given, granted, and by these presents do sell, give, grant, and fully confirm unto Ens. John Mitchell, of Woodbury, in the county of Fairfield, and Her Majesty's colony of Connecticut, I say, to him, the said John Mitchell, his heirs and assigns, all ye said planting land, meadow, or low land sometimes reserved as aforesaid, being bounded with the river easterly and northerly ; and westerly and southerly with ye said gentlemen's purchase with the steep bank southerly from the burying place upon the bank, to a sharp angle southerly at ye river and from the said burying-place, taking in the plain where the Indians' fort formerly stood, to the river at a marked elm tree, all which, excepting ye apple trees on it, with all ye privileges, conveniences, and appertinances thereunto belonging, by ye said Mitchell, his heirs and assigns, peaceably to have, hold, enjoy, and improve without molestation, let, or hindrance from any person or persons whatsoever from ye day of ye date hereof forever ; declaring the said premises to be free from all mortgages, sales, or claims at this date, and promising from time to time and at all times to acknowledge that thus I have sold and disposed of the same, and farther to confirm the same to all intents, ends, and purposes, as if a more full and ample bill of sale had been drawn for the same, or shall by the said John Mitchell, or his advice or counsel, be apprehended necessary and convenient for further confirmation and assurance of ye said bargained premises.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty-ninth of August, seventeen hundred and five.

Shamenunckqus	his mark.
Chesquaneag	his mark.
Whemut	his mark.
Papetopo, alias Pompkinseds.	

Witnessed by us subscribers, and sealed in our presence :

John Minor, Interpreter.
Ephraim Minor.

This instrument was acknowledged by the Indian and Indians subscribing at the same time of the subsealing, before me, in Woodbury.

John Minor, Justice.

The names of several Indians that subscribed hereto to the deed on the other side where not being room subscribe here, viz.:

Wannuppe	his mark.
Cuttouckes	his mark.
Mantooes	his mother's mark.
Papetapo, his squaw's	her mark.
Younggam's squaw	her mark.
Joman	his mark.
Appacoco	his mark.
Poquanow	his mark.
Yongans	his mark.

This land was deeded to the inhabitants of the town Jan. 14, 1714, by Mr. Mitchell.

After some years it became a question whether the Indians in this deed surrendered all the land reserved in the first deed, and the matter appears to have been settled by two persons, who were doubtless witnesses in some way to the boundary lines contained in the first deed.

Their testimony was the following:

Boundaries of the Indian Field.

"NEW MILFORD, JUNE 6, 1715.

John Minor sen., and John Mitchell sen., both of lawful age to give in evidence, being desired to give testimony to what land Oweantanack Indians reserved for themselves when they sold land to the gentlemen of Milford; we say y^t y^e Indians reserved their formerly planting field, bounded easterly by the great river, and bounded westerly, beginning at a young elm tree standing by the riverside about thirty or forty rods above the then common ferry place, and so running southward, taking in the place where their fort stood upon the steep bank, and so continuing, till they took in their then burying place; and from thence south easterly, rounding as the steep bank goes, till it comes to the great river comprising all the lowland within this bounds, and y^e land within this bounds was not purchased from the Indians by Milford gentlemen in their generall purchase.

The truth of the above written evidence was sworn unto on the third day of April, 1713, in Woodbury before me.

JOHN SHERMAN, *Justice of the Peace.*"

The only reservation made in the first deed, was in the following words:

"It is to be noted that the above named Indians do reserve for their use their present planting field, and a privilege of fishing at the Falls."

It appears to have been settled by the testimony of John Minor, sen., and John Mitchell, sen., that the Indians retained nothing after 1705, but the right of fishing at the Falls; and this

right they have never as yet sold, and so late as within the memory of many now living, this was conceded by the white people, who, while fishing at the Falls, gave precedence to the Indians who came to fish; and they reserved "ye apple trees."

Oct., 1706. Col. Robert Treat with other persons, having purchased a tract of land called Wiantonoque, which tract of land is made a town by letters patents from the governor and company, dated October the 22d, 1703, and named New Milford, but not yet annexed to any countie.

This Assembly sees cause to annex the same to the county of New Haven.

The word "town" in the above act is the wrong word, since the place was only made a "plantation," or the privilege granted of making a settlement. A "patent," as it was called, was a legislative act, conferring the right of the soil, and possessed only the nature of a deed. These patents, however, were regarded as of the utmost importance, the people fearing that without them, their farms and homes might be taken from them or they compelled to pay for them several times.

The following regulations were established in regard to the division of the land among the owners.

First Meeting of the Proprietors.

At a meeting of the Purchasers and Proprietors of New Milford, held at Milford, April 17th, 1706, Jonathan Law Jr., was chosen clerk, and he was sworn.

Agreed and voted, that the town plat and home-lots of New Milford shall be speedily pitched and laid out by the committee chosen, and established by the General Court according to, and by the rules and orders that the proprietors shall agree upon and prescribe for their direction.

That the committee having taken the best advice they can of Woodbury men, to pitch the town plat according to their best judgment.

That the home lots be laid out in quantity as they shall judge most commodious and agreeable to the circumstances of the place.

That there be but two ranks or sorts of lots, one a four-and-twenty shilling lot, and the other a twelve shilling lot, and that all the lots be laid out in twelve shilling lots.

That what is wanting in the quality of the land in the several lots, be made up in quantity. [This was afterwards called "sizing."]

That there be two twenty-four shilling lots, more than the number of the proprietors, laid out for the use of the proprietors, to be disposed of by two-third parts of the proprietors.

That those only who first go to settle there at New Milford shall draw lots, and they shall take their lots together, and they shall have liberty to begin where they please, and they that come afterwards either by themselves or assigns, shall take their lots as they come to settle there, next lot to him that went before him; he that hath a four-and-twenty shilling right to take the two next lots lying together.

In accordance with these rules the "Town-plat" as it was called, was laid out on Aspetuck Hill, consisting of a "Town street, and sixteen Home lots." These lots being twenty-one rods wide and sixty long, were to be taken up in regular order as the settlers came to reside here; and hence John Noble took number one on the east side of the street "at the south end of the hill," but which was not recorded to him until five years later. John Bostwick took the first lot on the west side of the street, he being the second settler here. The other lots were recorded to different individuals soon after they were laid out, but almost immediately changes began to be made. Mr. Griswold informs us in his sermon, that it was originally intended to lay the town-plat on the hill east of the present village, and for that reason that eminence was called Town Hill.

Such was the beginning of the plantation in the wilderness, which was to have a very large share in the history of the enterprising State of Connecticut. It seems now to have been so long ago, and the traces of its incipency are so thoroughly removed, that the representation, although taken directly from the records in the town books, can scarcely be believed. There is not a chimney or cellar-place left, to mark the site of any one of the dwellings originally built on the town-plat; nothing but the well of the Rev. Daniel Boardman has resisted the changes of one hundred and seventy years.

In speaking of the various "Divisions," the proprietors called the one of seven and a half acres (the home-lots), the *first division*, and the next one of ten acres, the *second division*; and hence they numbered fourteen divisions, amounting in the aggregate to each proprietor to the quantity of three hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres, all secured originally for the outlay of twenty-four shillings.

Col. Elisha Bostwick, as Town Clerk, wrote the following:

The several divisions of land granted to a right are as follows:—

- December 6, 1707. Granted $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres, called a home-lot.
- December 9, 1707. Granted 10 acres, for a pasture.
- May 29, 1712. Granted 40 acres, and the same day 40 acres more.
- March 12, 1723-4. Granted 20 acres, and the same day 10 acres more.
- November 6, 1726. Granted 50 acres.
- March 18, 1729-30. Granted 40 acres.
- March 20, 1732-3. Granted 25 acres.

December 9, 1734. Granted 40 acres, 8th.
 March 29, 1748. Granted 15 acres, 9th.
 April 10, 1749. Granted 10 acres, 10th.
 January 8, 1755. Granted 20 acres being called the 11th division.
 November 20, 1760. Granted 10 acres.
 September 13, 1790. Granted 10 acres, 13th division.
 April 19, 1802. Granted 10 acres, 14th division.

Total of acres granted to each right, 357½.

A resolution was passed by the proprietors to defend the actual settlers from any persons who might present claims to any of the territory of New Milford, and the matter assumed serious proportions in a suit in the law,—the New Milford proprietors standing on the defensive under their charter or "patent." This difficulty grew out of the grant made to the Stratford people in 1670, to settle a plantation at this place under which they had made a purchase of lands from the Indians, and therefore had some reason in the claim which they brought against the New Milford company. The first intimation of this difficulty is in the following record :

At a meeting of the Proprietors of New Milford, held at Milford, June 25, 1706.

Agreed and Voted that Capt. Samuel Eells and Johnathan Law, Jr., be our Law-ful attorneys to assert and defend our Rights & Titles at the place and within the bounds of New Milford, in our names & stead to sue, eject, & prosecute any person or persons that have, do, or shall molest, trouble, trespass, or in any way Interfere upon our Rights or interest within the bounds of New Milford aforesaid, and that we do hereby empower Lieut. Governor Treat & Thomas Clark, Esqr., who are of our Committee or either of them to sign, seal, & deliver a Letter of Attorney in our behalf & in our names for that end.

Entered by me,

JONATHAN LAW, *Register*.

This enactment was followed by the vote just referred to (of Dec. 9, 1707), and then again as follows :

"March, 1708. Voted that there be a rate made for carrying on the case in law commenced against us." Then in the next December they sent Mr. Samuel Clarke, Jr., Ens. Joseph Peck and Jonathan Law "to treat with the Stratford men about the lands which they claim of New Milford, and to agree with them fully and finally," but they did not succeed, for in December, 1709, they voted "that the power of the committee for agreement with Mr. Read and his partners be continued, and that the matter respecting New Milford be still prosecuted in the law by our former attorneys in case the committee agree not."

This Mr. Reed was the same as Mr. Griswold calls Col. John Read, who was once a candidate for the ministry here, and who preached the first sermon here, whose house, after his removal, was used for a time as a meeting-house, and near which the first meeting-house was built. Mr. Griswold says : "After he (Mr. Read) left the town, his house, which stood near where the present town house stands, was used as a place of worship for some years."

All the facts concerning Mr. John Read have not been learned, but a petition of his to the General Assembly has been found, and some other items obtained. He is said to have been a graduate of Harvard College; a candidate for settlement as a minister at Woodbury, but afterwards studied law and became one of the most eminent lawyers of his day in the vicinity of Boston. He was the prosecuting attorney in the first law-suit that ever occurred in regard to New Milford people or possessions, as will hereafter be seen; and his history has been the subject of much research throughout New England. It appears that during the pending of his suit, from May, 1708, to 1710 or 11, he built a house in New Milford and resided here some of that time.

Immediately after the committee laid out the "Town-Plat" in New Milford, Mr. Read sued them for trespass, which, being tried in the County Court, was carried to the General Court, *i.e.*, the Governor and his assistants. The following is the record of the case in a book of Land Records at Hartford:

Mr. John Read, Richard Blackleach, Daniel Shelton, and Agur Tomlinson, all of Stratford, (by appeal from the judgment of the County Court, held at New Haven the third Tuesday of March last past,) are plaintiffs—Contra, Capt. Samuel Eells, Joseph Treat, Joseph Peck, and Edward Camp, all of Milford, defendants, in an action of plea of Trespass, for that they, the said Samuel Eells, Joseph Treat, Joseph Peck, and Edward Camp, did some time near the latter end of November last past, divide and lay out to several persons of Milford aforesaid (under pretence of being a committee by the Honbl. Genl. Court some years since appointed for the conducting those of Milford Town who should settle that tract of land at Wiantinock which belongs to several the inhabitants of Milford aforesaid, as of said inhabitants, and in the name of them all) certain of said Read's, Shelton's, and Tomlinson's land, lying two miles above Goodyear's Island, commonly so called, at Wiantinock, on the east side of Wiantinock great River, within a mile of the great River, against and above the mouth of Aspetuck brook in Wiantinock aforesaid, which is to the damage of the said John Read, Blackleach, Shelton and Tomlinson the sum of thirty-eight shillings, with other damages.

The Plaintiffs and Defendants before this court agreed to plead and join issue upon the Title of the said land—and made their pleas—and the case was committed to the jury.

In this action the jury find for the Plaintiffs, the Land in controversy and costs of courts.

At a General Court May 7, 1708.

May 8, 1708. The jury were put upon a second consideration of this case of John Read and Capt. Samuel Eells, the finding being the same.

Again on the eleventh of May of the same year, and also in the next October, did the jury render the same decision, only they made the damages "treble with costs."

Mr. Read informs us that after gaining his case fifteen times in court, he lost it on the sixteenth, and became discouraged and gave up the claim at last, and sent a letter to the General Assembly, as follows:

Col. John Read's Petition.

To ye Coll. Genll. Assembly at New Haven Oct. A. D. 1710.

May it please ye Honbl. Court: Misfortune in my adventures have undone me utterly; for as I tho't, with a prudent foresight, I purchased ab^t twenty thousand acres of land at Wiantenock, parcell of a purchase obtained thirty-nine,—recorded 37 years past, last Genll. Court time in May in Colony records; had spent much to settle and defend it; settled some inhabitants with me yr after I had tryed the tittle and recorded; finally ag^t home pretenders to it by a late patt^t, sixteen times I have been to Court and had tryalls about it, ever gained finally till ye last Court Assistants wherein I lost finally and am utterly discouraged and broken; finding two things, first y^t I am not able to maintain suits forever, y^t Indian tittles are grown into utter contempt, y^t as the times are I must fall—these things make me weary of the world.

Wherefore I pray, seeing I nor my father have had one foot of land by division or grant of Town or County, tho' spending all our days in it; that I may have liberty if I can find a place in the Colony (w^{ch} I know not yet) not granted to, nor purchased by any, y^t by your allowance I may purchase it, and settle it with some others, my friends, where, in obscurity, we may get a poor living, and pray for your health & prosperity with great content.

JNO READ.

Upon this petition the following action was taken:

This Assembly being informed that there is a tract of land within this colony, lying and bounded, westerly on the province of New York, easterly with Stratford Ferry River, southerly partly with the town granted and called New Milford, and partly with land granted to several gents., of Fairfield, and northerly with the said river and the land of the said colony, which tract of land may be likely whereon to settle a town:

This Court do therefore grant and allow that a town shall be settled and planted there of the extent and bigness of eight miles square . . . or equivalent thereunto, and do impower, order, and appoint the Hon. Nathan Gold, Esq., John Chester, and John Alling Esq., Major Joseph Talcott, and Mr. John Read, or any three of them a committee to survey and lay out a town in the place aforesaid, of the quantity and bounds as aforesaid, and to make return to this Assembly in Oct., 1711.

The deed by which Mr. Read and his associates claimed possessions in New Milford, was given by the Indians as follows, recorded in Stratford:

Be it known to all Christian people, Indians, and others whom it may concern, that I Pocono, and Ringo, and Quoconoco, and Whimta, who are right owners of one Island in the great river Oantenock, where Mr. Goodyear had a trading-house, and also the lands on both sides of the river, we do by this present writing grant unto Henry Tomlinson of Stratford, the above mentioned island and the land on both sides of the river, three miles down the river southeast, and the land

on both sides of the river upward northwest, which amounts to seven miles in length, and accordingly of each side of the river three miles in breadth, which amounts to six miles in breadth; all which tract of land and island, to have . . . we confess to have received one piece of cloth and other good pay to our satisfaction, April 25, 1671.

Hence this deed was given to Stratford people the next year after permission was granted to them by the General Court, to buy land at this place and settle a plantation. The tract contained over twenty-six thousand acres; was much larger than the first purchase at Milford or Derby, and was to all appearance an honest transaction.

Mr. Read says he with others did make a settlement on this land, which statement explains some things not otherwise accounted for. When the first land was laid out by the New Milford settlers, at or near Gallows Hill, there was the name "Gallows Hill,"—a name given to the locality, years before. How came it there? Certainly not by the Indians. It is said a man was hung on that hill. But when? Certainly by English people after some settlement had been made, nearer than Danbury or Derby. Who was hung there?

Again at the same place in laying land, at first, a portion of the land is called "Dibble's Meadow." Here then was one of Mr. Read's settlers, Mr. Dibble, from whom the meadow took its name.

An Indian deed has been seen in the Land Records at Hartford, showing that Mr. Reed made a purchase of land of Mauwehu and others, at the mouth of Ten Mile river, as follows :

We, Maweho, Tom Cuckson, James, Watau, Coness, Indians, all of Scaticook sell to John Read 200 acres of land on Stratford river at a place called Sas-sucksuck, northward from the place where the Ten Mile river falls into the Great river.

Maweho	his mark.
Tom Cuckson	his mark.
James	his mark.
Watau	his mark.

July 17th, 1741.

Witnessed before Roger Brownson, Justice of Peace.

This land Mr. Read traded with an Indian called Chickens, for 100 acres in Fairfield.

John Weller one of the first settlers.

John Weller from Springfield, Mass., was one of the first settlers, and came here probably in 1708, and the following agreement which he made with Thomas Smith, who owned at the time the second lot on the Town Street, east side, illustrates a little the methods and work of making a settlement in the wilderness. Mr. Weller, soon after this agreement, sold his lease and removed to another lot further north.

Articles of agreement between Thomas Smith of Milford, weaver. . . . and John Weller of New Milford.

1. That ye s^d Weller, his heirs, Ex^{ts}, and Adm^{rs}, shall quietly and peaceably enjoy ye s^d Smith's right in ye tract of land lying within ye bounds of s^d New Milford, for ye full space or term of twelve years after ye date hereof.

2. That ye s^d Smith shall procure an hundred and fifty apple trees at Woodbury for ye s^d Weller to plant on ye land aforementioned.

3. That ye s^d Smith shall bear and discharge one-half of ye charge at law, if occasion require for defence of ye s^d right.

4. The said Smith-or his heirs, shall make sufficient and effectual conveyances in ye law, of one-half of ye Right or land aforesaid, at ye end of ye s^d twelve years to s^d Weller and his heirs forever ; and that all ye buildings ye said Weller hath, or hereafter shall erect upon ye s^d land, shall be contained in ye s^d conveyances.

4. The s^d Weller shall plant ye s^d trees on s^d land, pay all charges that shall arise upon s^d Right or land, excepting only what is mentioned in ye s^d articles and at ye end of ye s^d term, quietly and peaceably surrender ye one-half ye s^d Right or land unto ye s^d Smith, his heirs or assigns.

'For the true performance' of these articles, they each bound themselves in the sum of one hundred pounds money.

Dated Dec. 28, 1710.

Thus far the settlement at New Milford had been only a plantation, under the jurisdiction of New Haven County, and attached to the Derby or Woodbury Ecclesiastical Society, but with no separate rights as a town.

Therefore, when their numbers had increased so that a petition would have force from the fact of numbers, as well as need, they laid their case before the General Assembly, (which body had taken the place of the General Court, by legislative enactment in 1698,) in the following petition.

To the hon^{bl} gen^l Court or Assembly now sitting in New Haven :—The inhabitants of New Milford, being twelve families and about 70 souls, having since ye time of our first settlement, which is about three years, been without ye advantages of ye ministry of ye gospel, and of themselves as [un]able to give necessary encouragement thereto, humbly apply themselves to your honours for relief therein, and for that end your humble petitioners put into a capacity to levy the same, or that

your honors would contrive some other way for ye health of our souls, as in your wisdom shall be thought meet, and your humble petitioners shall ever pray for your honor's prosperity.

Dated in New Milford, October 17th, 1711.

John Noble, Sen.

John Bostwick, Sen.

Benjamin Bostwick, Sen.

John Noble, Jr.

Isaiah Bartlet.

Samuel Brownson.

Samuel Prindle.

John Bostwick, Jr.

Zachariah Ferriss.


Roger Brownson.

John Weller.

Thomas Weller.

CHAPTER II.

THE FIRST TWELVE SETTLERS.

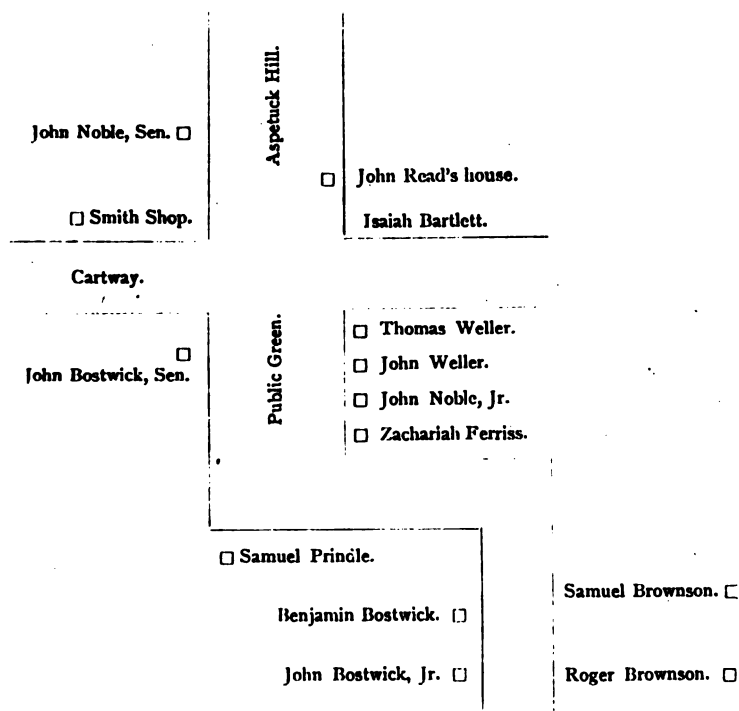
 ESIDES the work of clearing away the wilderness and building houses, the first twelve settlers "set up," as it was called, religious services at considerable cost and great personal effort. Having no authority as a town, they asked the General Assembly in October, 1711, to authorize a tax of seven shillings on each Right of land in the plantation, for the support of a minister, and building for him a dwelling-house. This request was so modest that the amount reached was only £36 8s., and they soon found it insufficient, and requested the Assembly, the next spring, to make the tax twelve shillings instead of seven, for four successive years, which secured £62 8s. a year, by which they were enabled to accomplish the proposed object, although the minister's house which was built for him was not fully paid for until about twenty years later.

The town was organized the next October (1712), by which they had authority to tax themselves as residents of the town, but no others, and they were also released from paying taxes to the State, but because of which they were not allowed representation in the Assembly.

Not long after the above privileges were granted, Mr. Daniel Boardman was secured to preach as a candidate, for the following record was made by himself in the Church book: "March 17, 1712, Daniel Bordman was called to preach ye gospel at New Milford." This apparently was a call to settle, after he had served some time as a candidate.

The plantation as now established was indeed a primitive settlement in the deep wilderness, with no outlook, unless it might have been toward the Indian Field on the west side of the river, and the city of Indian tents on the plateau of Fort Hill, a little back of the Indian burying-place. The location of these twelve

families, as nearly as can be ascertained, was as represented in the accompanying plan. It is uncertain as to Isaiah Bartlett's residence, but since no land was laid out to him, and he disappeared before the next May, it is possible that he occupied the house built by Col. John Read, which was located in the highway as indicated; occupied but a few months, when he removed, before the signing of the second petition. It should be remembered that at this time there was no street or highway laid out by authority,



except the one on the top of Aspetuck hill, extending south only to the "brow of the hill," or the south end of the lot in which is now located Mr. John P. Treadwell's reservoir. The streets indicated were traveled roads, but were not laid out by surveyors. The cartway westward at this time was at what is now Bennitt street, and went down to the river's side and up the river about a mile to the rapids, which was then the common fording-place of the Housatonic.

Imagine the appearance of the settlement at this time. There were no fences whatever. At each dwelling a piece of land—an acre or two or three—was cleared of the timber—the brush were burned to be rid of them, and the stumps left standing. A cart-track running among the trees up the hill north, and one running down Main street on the west side among the stumps; since probably the trees, whatever there were of them, were cut away for a space of two rods wide; and this way turned down Grove street toward the Falls. Every house was a log-house, with the door in the side at the center; the big chimney at the end making its appearance on the outside as a part of the end of the house, and barns consisting largely of a kind of shed made of logs.

If now we take our stand at the corner of the streets near Doct. Charles Taylor's present residence, remembering that it is the middle of April, just after the Rev. Daniel Boardman has been engaged as minister-elect, and look up to the house of John Noble, Sen., we behold the real life of primitive settlers. In front of the house toward the cart-path is the wood-pile, at the north end of which is a blazing fire under an iron kettle which hangs upon a cross pole that rests upon the "crotches" of two stakes erected for the purpose. Mrs. Noble is making soap. At a little distance to the left is the tall leach-barrel, resting upon boards which lay upon two short logs, the front end of the boards lower than the rear, and from which is dripping slowly the lye with which the soap is to be made. Close by the side of Mrs. Noble stands the little daughter Mabel, six years of age, watching the mother at her work. David, the lad now seventeen years of age, is seated on a log near the wood-pile, and is engaged in pounding, or grinding with a pestle in a large wooden mortar, the corn which is to be baked into a "Jonny-cake" for dinner; for a large proportion of all the bread eaten in the plantation was ground in this way.

But look!—from the east is approaching a young woman with a bundle wrapt closely and folded tightly in her arms. She is Hannah, the wife of John Noble, Jr.—the first bride of the town—and she is now coming over to the old home for the first time with the baby Thomas, about three months old. Her husband is in the hollow northeast of his house, finishing his work at the "Sapworks," which was an enterprise in that locality so

important as to be mentioned in a deed of land. She has now reached the house, and all are taking a look at the baby.

But, look down the cart-way west. Who comes? A tall, athletic Indian, whose muscular frame bears on its shoulder a girl, as if she were but a fluttering bird. The girl is Sarah, who stayed with this same Indian's family while her father, John Noble, went to Albany five years before. This morning she went over the river with her father to the Indian Field, and, as this big Indian has done fifty times before, he again takes her upon his shoulder and carries her across the river and up home, as fond of her as if she were his own daughter;—nay, more;—it is said to have appeared as though he was never contented unless in sight of the child. And she too seemed delighted always to meet him, although he was such a giant-like Indian.

Again we look down into the woods south and we see coming another young woman. She is the bride of three months of John Bostwick, Jr. She was from Danbury, another new plantation, but about twenty years older than New Milford. She is coming up through the woods from her new home down Great Brook, to visit the old home of her husband at his father, John Bostwick, Sen's, and make a morning call. A bride! and how is she dressed? A sun-bonnet of her own make on her head, and from it shine her bright eyes and flushed cheeks with the very personification of health and joy of life. Her dress is a plain home-made woolen pressed cloth, with a belt of the same. Her shoes are of calf-skin, the most approved style of the day, but what stampers compared to those her descendants wear in the fifth generation, on the concrete walks of New Milford. But see, she is trying to cross the brook that this time of the year flows meanderingly among the bogs and roots and logs, down to Great Brook. Heigh, ho! she has slipped from a bog and one foot is submerged, above the top of the shoe in the chilly water. Mercy, isn't it too bad. Hear her laugh. Isn't she just the most sensible woman out of the woods this morning?

But listen again. There is a strange noise of voices up the Woodbury road to the southeast. It is the coming of new families of settlers from "down-east." We must go and welcome them and find a shelter for them until a house can be built. They are the families of Stephen Noble and Samuel Hitchcock,

—all on horseback, with packs of goods, and a dozen persons, like an ancient caravan from Egypt.

The plantation being now in working order, proceeded to establish rules and methods for proportioning the division of lands, and to adopt such regulations as would aid in an equitable settlement of the territory, but it was found afterward that the plans adopted worked much injury and dissatisfaction.

The rule to allow every settler or proprietor to locate his several divisions wherever he pleased, made a large amount of trouble years after, in settling disputed territory, and in re-surveying the same.

By the votes passed the Proprietors provided for a division of ten acres to be adjoining to each home-lot for a pasture, and a forty-acre division which they seem to have supposed would be taken up on low land along the rivers; and hence they ordered another forty-acre division of "upland" or land on the hills. The twenty acres "on a square to be left on Aspetuck Hill to set a meeting-house on" seems never to have been laid out for the purpose specified.

Two "Rights" were sequestered for the ministry or towns' use, one of which was appropriated, a few months after these persons petitioned for religious privileges, to Mr. Daniel Boardman. And in regard to it, we hear of no minority vote, and no division of the community as to candidates, although parish matters did not always go smoothly with even Mr. Boardman. The other Right was laid out in part some few years later, on Aspetuck Hill, on the north side of the present east and west highway, but in 1748 the second whole Right was sold, and the receipts divided among the several denominations in the town, in proportion to the amount of the tax list of each denomination; Presbyterians (so called then), Episcopalians, and Quakers.

The First Twelve Settlers.

Life in a new, unsettled country has many charms, although to the dwellers in the city it may seem quite to the contrary. But, aside from the idea of enjoyment, the settlers of a new country are driven, by the hope of securing necessary comforts for their dependent families, to put forth great, and sometimes hazardous efforts for the attainment of their object, and therefore the world

has seen, over and over, the head of the family going into a far country and building a hut, and afterwards a more commodious house, and others following him, until a village is built, and then a town and a state are settled; and finally cities rise in their grandeur,—all for the hope of securing the things which seem to be necessary for the fulfilling of the life-work given to men to do. Many, if they could have been consulted as to their being, would have decided not to be; but since they are, they accept their lot with heroic fortitude, and venture in the paths of life to the verge of imminent personal loss or ruin, for the one only hope of good to those who look to them with longing eyes for help, protection, and guidance in the present life, and the fulfilment of their destiny hereafter in harmony with the will of their divine Creator, whatever that may be. To every man, therefore, if he be a true man, the work set before him has charms, the joy of which he is eager to possess, whether it be in the forests wild or in the city full. Divine are the destinies of man in this life, just as much as they will be in the life to come; not in a fatalistic sense, but in that of approval and help, to the intent of securing success therein. We need not, therefore, spend our pity on those who dwelt in the wilderness that they might plant the standard of prosperity for those who should be their successors in the work of the earthly life. The persons who stand before us as represented by the names of the First Twelve Settlers of New Milford need not our commiseration, but congratulation that they held so high and noble stations in life, and fulfilled them so honorably and successfully. The catalogue of these names is not a long one, but they were the forerunners of a long succession of eventful characters that have, after nearly one hundred and eighty years, just begun to pass in review, and, in hope of animating the travelers in that succession, the record of these pages is made. The list of these twelve names was made one hundred and seventy years ago, in the following order:

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| 1. JOHN NOBLE, SEN. | 7. SAMUEL PRINDLE. |
| 2. JOHN BOSTWICK, SEN. | 8. JOHN BOSTWICK, JR. |
| 3. BENJAMIN BOSTWICK, SEN. | 9. ZACHARIAH FERRIS. |
| 4. JOHN NOBLE, JR. | 10. ROGER BROWNSON. |
| 5. ISAIAH BARTLET. | 11. JOHN WELLER. |
| 6. SAMUEL BROWNSON. | 12. THOMAS WELLER. |

Not in the least did they or their families dream that their names, after one hundred and seventy years, would stand displayed on the pages of history as the twelve corner-stones of one of the most successful rural towns of the far-famed state of Connecticut. So little do the seed-sowers know what the harvest shall be. Long ages ago it was written: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon." And it might have been said, shall be planted in all lands, for to such an extent, nearly, have been transplanted the men raised in New Milford; and it is literally true that a young lady raised in New Milford was the first American woman that sailed around the world. It was she that was Lucia, daughter of Samuel Ruggles, and is now the widow Lucia Tomlinson of New Milford, in her 89th year.

It is pleasant to take some particular notice of the first twelve settlers, since they all proved themselves worthy of the highest encomium and of the most lasting remembrance.

1. *John Noble, Sen.*, came here when forty-five years of age, having a family of nine or ten children living, some of whom did not settle in this town. He was a brave, enterprising, noble-hearted man, or he would never have ventured into the wilderness to make a home for his family as he did. His dwelling-house stood on the site of the present dwelling of Col. Charles D. Blinn, or near it, which was a log-house, erected, probably, in the autumn of 1707. In 1714, he gave the north half of this home-lot to his son Stephen, who came at that time from Massachusetts, and upon this lot Stephen erected a house, a little north of his father's, and, after dwelling in it about a year, removed to that of his father's, and, after some years, sold his first one to his brother David.

Prosperity, for a few brief years, filled his hands with work, in many public offices, as well as private labors, and his home with comparative comforts; but the great destroyer Death was destined to make a beginning in this new plantation as well as in all others, and, as he "loves a shining mark," made choice of the brave yet kindly heart that first raised a white man's home in this dense forest; and therefore, on the 17th day of August, 1714, his life-work closed, and his home was clouded with mourning, and his place left vacant. He was the first Town Clerk

ected by vote of the town ; was a surveyor of lands, a member of the Woodbury Church, and the first adult person¹ to be carried to the beautiful cemetery that now adorns the village of which he was the first civilized ornament.

The land of his first home-lot remained in possession of his descendants until a very few years since.

2. John Bostwick, Sen., came from Derby, and earlier from Stratford, and was the second settler in New Milford. He settled here probably in the autumn of 1707, since his first deed, dated Dec. 2, 1707, says he was "late of Derby." The first land laid to him was lot number one of the town plot, west side of the highway ; but he had previously settled on the lot, and built a house near the site of the present residence of Miss Mary C. Boardman. The northern part of this lot he afterwards gave to his son Daniel, who kept a tavern on it many years, and who was an influential and active man in the town.

He had a family of eight children, some of whom settled here some years later than he. He was an energetic citizen, and bore his full share of official work for the new plantation and town. The dates of the deaths of himself and two wives are unknown. His second wife was the daughter of Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., and sister to the first Samuel Canfield in this town, and his brothers.

3. Benjamin Bostwick, Sen., nephew of John above, came from Stratford a young man, and married Zeruah, daughter of Moses Johnson of Woodbury, in 1711, and established his home on what is now Grove street, where he resided until his decease in June, 1739. He was a successful farmer, carpenter, and cabinet-maker,—the inventory of his property showing him to be equipped with tools for these trades, and also indicating that his home and farm were models for those days in their furnishings and comforts.

4. John Noble, Jr., when 21 years of age, purchased a Right of land in New Milford, the same day with his father, June 22, 1706, and came with his father's family, in 1707, to New Milford. His house was on the east side of the green about where the Town Hall now stands. This house and lot he

¹ Mary, daughter of Benjamin Bostwick, died before Mr. Noble.

sold in 1730, and soon after settled on the plains, in the first house below Gallows Hill, where he resided until his decease in 1773, at the age of 88 years. He was Captain of the Train Band in 1732, was a prominent man in the town for many years, and was one of a number of persons who petitioned for society privileges in 1743, from the south part of the town; which resulted in the parish and First Church of Newbury, and afterwards in the town of Brookfield.

5. *Isaiah Bartlet*, was a signer of the petition in October, 1711, but in a similar one the next May his name does not appear. There was no land deeded to him, and the probability is that he soon removed. Two of his daughters, apparently, were afterwards married in this town.

6. *Dea. Samuel Brownson*, from Farmington, settled here, probably, in 1708. His house stood at the southeast corner of the sequestered square or green, southeast of Doct. Thomas Picketts, or directly south, and across the road from the present residence of Mr. Edward A. Thayer. He was elected Town Clerk in 1714, upon the death of John Noble, Sen., and held that office until his death in 1733. He was the first Justice of the Peace in the town, being also Judge in the New Haven County Court, and was in his day, probably, the most widely-known citizen of the town, unless the military man, Capt. Stephen Noble, should be excepted; and in every way he seems to have been a man of dignity, integrity, and responsibility, and much esteemed. He was the first deacon of the First Church in the town.

Lydia Brownson, his wife, was a woman of decided efficiency, as may be seen in the list of physicians in this book; she being a peculiar honor to the women of the community and the nation, for she was probably, for some years, the only person that made professional calls as a physician, in the town, except Doctor Pickett. She married, 2d, Mr. Jonathan Lumm, and they removed to Derby.

7. *Samuel Prindle*, from Milford, was in New Milford and signed the petition in 1711. John Noble, Sen., laid out Mr. Prindle's first forty acres, on Second hill, before 1714, on the Right of William Fowler; which was recorded in 1717, and described as "lying upon the westerly side of the Second hill at a place called Prindle's Pitch, 80 rods on the square, common land

on all sides." In 1721, William Fowler deeded his Right, including this land improved, and another piece at the south end of the village, to Samuel Prindle and Joseph Bostwick. Mr. Prindle had paid all charges against the Right for seven years, by which he secured one-half of the Right to himself. His dwelling stood at the south end of the village, a little east of the present site of Hon. A. B. Mygatt's residence. He died in 1750.

8. *Major John Bostwick, Jr.*, came here with his father in 1708, and married Mercy Bushnell of Danbury, Jan. 30, 1712, and made his home on what is now Grove street; and his descendant, Mr. John R. Bostwick, is still residing on the old homestead. He became one of the most prominent and active men in the town; was lieutenant of the Train band many years, and afterwards major in the regiment; was elected deacon of the First church in 1733, and he and Capt. Stephen Noble were the first representatives of New Milford in the legislature. He also, apparently, gave some attention to the study of law, for the following action was taken in town meeting: "Dec. 12, 1737. Voted, that Dea. John Bostwick shall be allowed ten shillings for the use of his law book for town meetings, and for the use of particular persons as they shall have occasion." He was fourteen years of age when he came to New Milford, twenty-six when he was married; died in 1741, aged fifty-two years, leaving five children, all sons, two of whom, like himself, were very prominent citizens of the town for many years.

9. *Zachariah Ferriss* from Stratford, settled here, probably in 1708, on a lot a little way south of the Town Hall, and extending south to the corner of Main street, and east across Great brook; and his first forty acres lay directly east and adjoining his home-lot. This was the same land, most probably, as that he ploughed in June, 1706, when there were no settlers here except Indians. When Mr. Ferriss had ploughed this land in 1706, the New Milford company prosecuted him for trespass, and Col. John Read plead his case in court. It must have been, therefore, that Mr. Ferriss laid claim to this land under the deed which was given by the Indians to Henry Tomlinson and others of Stratford, which, having been received under a permit from the General Court in 1670, under no restrictions or conditions, was as much a legal deed, and received as honestly as any

deed then existing in the colony. The deed had stood on the records, sanctioned by a court decision, more than thirty years, when the General Assembly gave the permit to the New Milford company, and their deed was received, upon the specific conditions that the plantation should interfere with no other titles. It is no wonder, then, that in fifteen trials in court before the governor and his assistants, a jury gave Col. Read the case, and his deed as valid; but it is surprising that on the sixteenth trial the land was given to the New Milford company without a penny's allowance to Col. Read. Is this called Christianity? And when the title to the land was secured in this way, against right and Christianity, by professed Christians as they were, it is no wonder that it took them twelve years thereafter to build a meeting-house, amidst great privations and almost extreme poverty; whereas, had they received Col. Read under a liberal consideration of the money he had placed in the enterprise, and treated him as a Christian brother, the plantation might have been settled at once, and the meeting-house built in a third of the time it was. Zachariah Ferriss was brother-in-law to Col. John Read, he having married, probably, the sister of Col. Read.

Mr. Ferriss was a very efficient business man, placed on committees of importance; he served in many official capacities; surveyed more land, apparently, than any other man in the town during the first one hundred years, unless Col. Elisha Bostwick should be excepted. He was town treasurer a number of years, when taxes were paid in various kinds of grains, which were stored, and sometimes accumulated on hand from year to year, until by some special town vote the accumulation was sold in a summary manner. He might have been styled, or would be at the present day, the President of the Bank of Town Deposits. Samuel Brownson sometimes was elected to this office, but after a number of years Roger Brownson more frequently bore the burdens of this office. Mr. Ferriss adhered to the First church through life, although his wife and several of his children became Quakers. No record of his decease has been found.

10. Roger Brownson, from Farmington, settled near his brother Samuel on what was then the Woodbury road, perhaps a little way south of the residence of the late A. S. Rogers.

When his brother died he became Town Clerk, and held the position fourteen years. He was also Justice of the Peace for a number of years.

There were no more reliable men in the town than he and his brother, for they were elected continually in the highest places of trust, and proved themselves worthy of the confidence imposed upon them; Roger being town treasurer many years. He died in 1758.

11. John Weller, Sen., from Springfield, Mass., settled in New Milford before December, 1710, since at that time he was here, and entered into an agreement with Thomas Smith to work the land which had been laid to Smith—lot number two, east side of the street—and in 1722 he bought Thomas Smith's Right, and in 1723 was living on this home-lot, next north of John Noble, Jr's. He was a substantial farmer; bought several pieces of land besides the one Right; was not prominent in town offices or enterprises, but served his part well. He died in 1734, leaving a number of sons and their families, to each of whom he had given quite a farm. His son John was a prominent man, his farm being a little below the mouth of Rocky river, and which is now owned by Col. Wm. J. Starr.

12. Thomas Weller, of Westfield, Mass., bought of John Noble one-half of a twenty-four shilling Right in 1707, and settled here probably before 1710; was here in 1712, but was residing in Woodbury in 1715, when he sold several pieces of land in New Milford.

Only one of the first twelve families came from Milford, unless Isaiah Bartlett was of that place, which would make only two, and therefore it could hardly be said that the place was settled at first from Milford. It was settled by Milford people as original proprietors, but they were very slow to come here themselves. Four of these families were from Northampton and Westfield, Mass., four were from Stratford, and two were from Farmington. They were all poor people, strictly speaking, being able most of them—not all—to buy a Right of land, and to have a little left with which to commence a farmer's life in the wilderness. The Bostwick families possessed more property than the others, and they have held their own comfortably well ever since. They are so steady and untiring in the same line of work, that they must

win if death does not rob them of their allotted time. Then, also, they had a good start, which fact, if attended to, is more than half the race, in the short life any one may live in this world.

These were the twelve pillars of the First Ecclesiastical Society, and of the town; but not of the church, for when the church was organized, some of them had removed from the town and others had come in.

CHAPTER III.

PRIVATIONS AND PROGRESS.

1712—1716.



COMMENCING a new plantation in the wilderness at a considerable distance from any settlement, with but a small capital to provide advantages for making improvements, the number of families being few,—the marks of progress and success must of necessity make their appearance slowly and at intervals, and yet New Milford made far greater progress, in the same time, than some other plantations which began earlier, and apparently under circumstances of much greater advantage. In a little over four years the families settled here numbered twelve, and all the souls seventy; and the conveniences for obtaining the necessary food and comforts of life were peculiarly favorable, while there was but one source of fear or threatening evil,—namely, the occasional reports of invasion by the Canada, or French Indians; the native Indians being not only friendly, but helpful in many little things. The location of a large proportion of the residences at that time was south of Aspetuck Hill, or the “Town plat,” in close proximity to each other, for this was the regulation established by the proprietors at the start as a matter of safety. This “Town plat” began at the south end, on the brow of the hill or at the southern extremity of what was then called the “Plain” on that hill, and extended northward; and at first only eight lots were laid out on each side of the street, each lot being twenty-one rods wide, and about sixty long; the street being twenty rods wide. In 1714 this street was extended southward to what is now the south end of the public green.

It had been intended, as stated previously, to locate the village on the hill east, which would have been a misfortune; but

wisdom as to convenience prevailed over the idea of beauty in an elevated position, and it was located on the "Plain."¹

It is evident, from the fact that Zachariah Ferriss "broke up," or in other words, ploughed a piece of land about where the Town Hall now stands in the spring of 1706, before John Noble came to the town; and from other considerations, that the land where the village now is and the Aspetuck hill, was in a large measure cleared from trees before any settlement by the English was made here.

The cleared land on the west side of the river, called the "Indian Field," extending from the north end, where the river runs in an almost easterly direction, southward to the mouth of the little brook that runs along the foot of Fort hill, was of the greatest advantage to the first settlers; as furnishing a field where each planter could at once sow his wheat, plant his corn and other grain without the delay of clearing away the forests. This field was soon divided into small pieces of three, four, and five acres, until it was all occupied, and the price of it per acre was greater than that of any other portion of the town. Also the plain on the top of Fort Hill was divided and occupied for raising grain; the Indians having removed from this plain soon after 1705, it having been many years the principal location of their huts or settlement, including the site of their old fort. Their residence here must have been continued many years, or after it began, their numbers must have been large, for, as concluded in the Indian History part of this work, the number of burials must have approached three hundred, which was a number scarcely reached by the burials of the white people in fifty years; although their census at the end of fifty years—in 1756—gives 1,137 persons in the town. The Indians soon removed, many of them doubtless to Scaticook,² some to the vicinity of the Great Falls, where, with their chief Waraumaug, they lingered many years.

It is quite certain that the Indians were granted the privilege of cultivating land some years if they did not own any at that place, for in 1723, when a new division of fence was made around the common field, it is recorded: "The Indian fence from the Great Falls northward to a stubbed elm," showing that the Indi-

¹ Rev. Mr. Bonar's Hist. Sermon, 1776, p. 2.

² See Indian Hist., chap. vii, p. 104.

ans made and kept in repair a portion of that common fence, and if so they cultivated some of the territory inclosed by that fence.

Also a considerable portion of valley land on the west side of the river below the Indian Field and the Great Falls had been cleared of timber, in part by the Indians, or was easily cleared by the white people, for the Common Field, when first a fence around it was voted in October, 1714, extended to the Great Falls. This common field was devoted to grass and grain during the summer and opened for pasture late in the autumn.

There was another portion of the township that in its natural state favored the early settlers. In the survey of a division of land, the following description was given by John Noble, Sen.: "May 9, 1713. Laid out for John Bostwick, Jr., forty acres of land upon the second hill known by the name of Good Hill or Grassy Hill." In consequence of the grass then growing on that hill it was called Good Hill or Grassy Hill, indicating how important it was to have grass for the stock at that period without the delay of clearing away the timber. Some part of this hill had been burnt over by the Indians for hunting purposes, some years before; the timber had disappeared to some considerable extent, and the grass had grown up, furnishing the greatly needed pasturage for the domestic animals, as well as the wild ones, and hence it was truly a "Good Hill." There appears to have been, also, some meadow land partially cleared at the mouth of the Aspetuck river that was soon, and with comparative ease, brought under cultivation very much to the comfort of the early planters.

Such were some of the circumstances and relations of the plantation and its inhabitants when the following record was made:

"October, 1712. This Assembly, upon petition of the inhabitants of New Milford, do grant the powers and privileges of a township unto the said inhabitants of New Milford, and do empower the town clerk to administer the oaths by law required to town officers." Jonathan Law was the clerk of the plantation company appointed by the General Assembly, and held the

³Col. Rec., v. 356.

office until the town election, when he was the one to administer the oath to those who should be elected.

This enactment conferred the authority of conducting ecclesiastical matters, electing its own officers, laying taxes for its own expenses, and those imposed by the State, and for the regular support of a minister, and for schools to a limited extent, but they could impose no tax on persons residing out of the town limits.

The record of the first town meeting, having been written on the first page of the book prepared for this purpose, is gone, except a piece one inch wide and three inches long, by which may be seen that the record was made in the hand-writing of Jonathan Law of Milford, who served as town clerk for the first year, at the end of which John Noble, Sen., was elected to that office, and held it until his death.

Several town meetings were held during the first year, one as follows :

"November 30, 1713. Agreed that John Noble, Sen., and John Weller or Samuel Brownson should go to Milford to discourse with y^e committee about y^e settlement of a minister, and at y^e same meeting Jacob Griswold and David Griswold were admitted as inhabitants into New Milford by vote."

In response to the "discourse" of the committee, they obtained notification of the following record of the proprietors made nearly two months earlier. '

At a meeting of the Proprietors of New Milford at Milford, October 6, 1713, Voted, "that they will and now do grant one of the twenty-four shilling lots (previously voted to be laid out by two-thirds of the number of the proprietors) to Mr. Daniel Boardman, a preacher of the gospel at the said place, to his heirs and assigns forever upon condition that he shall become their settled minister of the place, and continue so for the space of twenty years, or during his natural life and ability so to be ; and that the subscription of the necessary number of proprietors be endeavored to be procured, and that when it shall be so done, it shall by your clerk be put upon record. Voted in the affirmative, which having been done and returned to me accordingly, I have here put it on record. Test, Jonathan Law, Clerk.

"Voted that a dwelling-house forty feet in length and twenty-

one in breadth and two stories high, and fourteen feet between joints, be forthwith built upon the land at New Milford, proposed to be granted to Mr. Boardman. The committee chosen, to do, order, take care of and manage the whole affair are: Samuel Clark, merchant, Ephriam Burwell, Samuel Beard."

At the next town meeting held in December, 1713, a regular meeting for the choice of officers, further provision was made in behalf of the gospel work, and that having been the second meeting for the election of officers, and the first now on record, it is given in full, with also the record of the third election as showing the officers and town work of that day.

"December, 1713. At a town meeting to choose town officers, Samuel Brownson was chosen moderator.

At the same meeting John Noble was chosen town clerk, Zachariah Ferris, Samuel Brownson, and Samuel Hitchcock were chosen selectmen.

John Bostwick was chosen constable and sworn.

Zachariah Ferris, surveyor.

John Noble, Sen., and John Bostwick, Jr., were chosen collectors to join with Mr. Jonathan Law, to collect 12s. tax for the years 1712 and 1713.

Samuel Beebe and John Weller were chosen grand jury and sworn.

Benoni Stebbens and Stephen Noble were chosen hawards, or field-drivers.

William Gaylord, inspector and brander and sworn.

Benjamin Bostwick, Sen., was chosen gauger and sworn.

John Bostwick, Sen., was chosen collector.

At the same meeting it was voted that the inhabitants should pay £6. 15s. towards the minister's board, and Mr. Law will pay all the charges that we have been out to this day, and that we shall be out on the minister in the year ensuing.

Zachariah Ferris Innholder.

Samuel Brunson, town treasurer."

Third Election of Town Officers.

"December 23, 1714. John Bostwick was chosen moderator.

At the same meeting, there were chosen for selectmen, Zachariah Ferris, Roger Brownson, Stephen Noble.

There were chosen for constable, John Bostwick, Sen., for the year ensuing, and sworn.

For fence viewers, Samuel Beebe, and John Bostwick, Jr., and sworn.

For collector of the 12s. tax for the year ensuing, William Gaylord and Jacob Griswold.

For surveyor, John Weller, Sen., and sworn.

For grand-jury, Samuel Hitchcock and John Noble, and sworn.

For hawards, David Griswold and Robert Bostwick, and sworn.

For sealers of measures and weights, Benjamin Bostwick, and sworn.

For listers, David Griswold and Stephen Noble, and sworn.

For town treasurer, Zachariah Ferris.

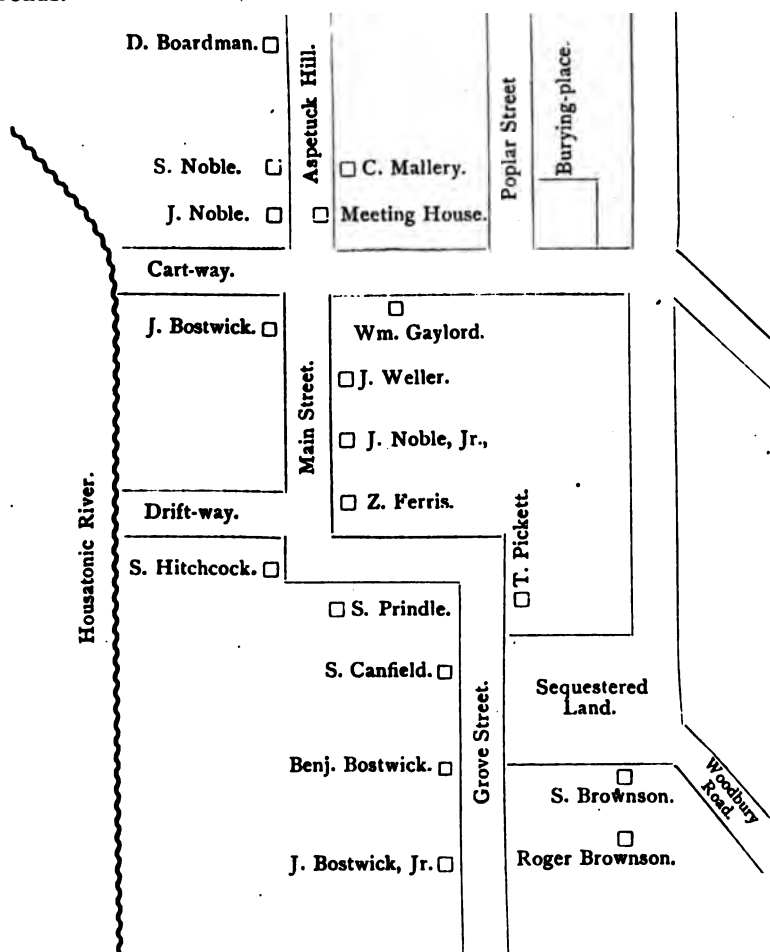
For ordinary keeper, William Gaylord."

A number of families having recently settled in the place, it became necessary to lay out some roads for the extension of the settlement into the wilderness.

January 11, 1713-14. We therefore have agreed that the highway beginning at John Noble, Sen.'s house-lot should extend so far northward as shall be necessary for building-lots, and this highway to be twenty rods wide, as it is, to run up the hill against the front of Samuel Clark's home-lots and in no place less than fourteen or fifteen rods wide except where lots are already taken, and so by that means it cannot be, and this highway from John Noble's house-lot to extend southward from thence, winding as the lots are already laid out on the westwardly side till it comes to the south side of Samuel Hitchcock's house-lot, and this highway to be twenty rods wide where the circumstance of the place will allow of it. And from the south side of Thomas Picket's lot we order that there be a piece of land sequestered for common, that so there may be sufficient passage to those highways which are to run out further, and this common land is appointed to be from the hill east to the highway westward, and to extend so far south till it comes against Benjamin Bostwick's house by known marked trees, and from the southeast corner of this sequestered land, a highway running up the side of the hill called the Town Hill, of ten rods wide marked on the westerly side till it comes to the top of the hill, and a highway to run across from the highway against Samuel Brownson's and Roger Brownson's house-lots to the highway running up the town hill, of eight rods wide, marked on the north side:—and one cross highway between William Gaylord's house-lot and John Reed's house-lot, being six rods wide at the west end, and twelve rods wide at the brook, and this highway to run up to the hill; and another highway of six rods wide running from this cross-way south along by the foot of the hill till it comes to the sequestered land on the south side of Thomas Picket's lot; and from this highway between William Gaylord's and Mr. John Reed's house-lots, we appoint another highway eight rods wide to run northward up to the Poplar Swamp, and from thence in the most convenient place, to run up to the Chestnut land. The above written

articles signed by us, Samuel Brownson, Samuel Hitchcock, Zachariah Ferris, Selectmen.

It was customary for many years to speak of any highway as the "town street," which was done for the purpose of distinguishing these roads from those laid out by order and somewhat at the expense of the county,—the latter being called "country roads."



"June 4, 1715. Laid out through Samuel Hitchcock's homelot, or twenty acre division, a drift-way from the front to the river, twenty-two rods, four rods wide; and from this place at the river to run twenty rods up the river, this also four rods wide."

At the same time another "highway or town street was, by the selectmen laid out from the south side of Caleb Mallery's home-lot on the south side of Zachariah Ferriss' half home-lot, twenty rods wide, and from the south side of said Ferriss' home-lot to the north side of Benjamin Bunnell's home-lot twenty-four rods wide."

At the same time, "laid out by the selectmen, a drift-way or highway of two rods wide on the west side of Aspetuck river, running up the Great River till it comes against Wanups Island, then running northward across the plain to a white oak tree marked, thence running to the swamp on Aspetuck River, and thence up the swamp to the cartway over the river, and then running along by the hill to William Gaylord's forty acre lot."

On the same day, "laid out by the selectmen, a drift-way of two rods wide from the northerly end of the Indian Field, up the plain to the Rocky River, beginning at a place where the path is now out on the field, thence running up the plain to a rock, and then down a small hill, and then running up a hill to a small brook about one rod above the path, then running along at the foot of the hill to the Rocky River, at the common path over the river:—but from the top of the hill to the river this way is to be ten rods wide."

Mr. Daniel Boardman continued to preach for the people in view of a settlement, and yet without any fixed agreement apparently, for several years; his support being provided by various methods and expedients. In December, 1713, after the tax of twelve shillings on each Right was available, the town settled a board-bill of £6 15s. for him, and it is probable that during the succeeding year, the tax money met the claims of the minister; but at the next March (1714), they felt the need of making better provision for him, and "voted that Samuel Brownson, John Weller, and John Noble, sen., should lay out the minister's land, that is to say one home-lot with the ten acre division for a pasture-lot, and a forty-acre lot." In the previous January they had agreed to dig a well for the minister, and that it might be done by the people doing the work if they chose, rather than to pay the tax to have it done by others; and in October, 1716, they appointed a committee to see the minister's well finished.

The next November (1714), they "voted that there shall be

five shillings and six pence allowed by the week for the minister's board for the time to come," and at the same time, whether it was to help the minister more than the people or to the contrary, is not said; that "there should be six shillings cash allowed by the town to David Noble, in case he beat the drum the year ensuing upon all public meetings." David Noble was sixteen years of age and belonged to one of the first families of the place, and yet he could, for six shillings a year, beat the drum fifty-two times for religious meetings, and several times for town meetings, and think himself highly honored and well paid in doing it. He afterwards became a large land-holder, and a highly respected and successful citizen, and served the town with distinction as a selectman, a military man, and a member of the legislature; a worthy pattern for other boys.

The First Grist-Mill.

Seven years a number of inhabitants had resided in the place, carrying their grain to mill to Woodbury, Derby, or Danbury, and bringing back the flour at the expense of much time. This was done on horseback, and very possibly sometimes on man's back; but let none suppose that those early settlers were foolish enough, that, when going to mill, they would put the grain in one end of the bag and a stone in the other, in order to balance the bag on the back of the horse, as has been so often represented of the early settlers of New England. The early settlers made some mistakes, but they were not fools to the extent of idiocy; besides, some of these same settlers were our fathers, and if they were fools, who are we? They had their prejudices, misfortunes, and privations, what have we?

In view of the need of a grist-mill in the town, the proprietors in a meeting held at Milford, Feb. 24, 1715, made this arrangement: "Voted that Ens. Samuel Clark, Sergt. Samuel Beard, and Samuel Brownson, are chosen a committee to agree with some person to build and maintain a mill on some part of the Still river or elsewhere at his own charge, and for his encouragement to execute any instrument or instruments for the granting the stream and some lands in the name and on the behalf of the Proprietors, with such limitations and conditions as they can agree upon for the benefit of the proprietors and inhabitants."

Nine years after this, the following record was made by Mr. Beard, one of the committee. "Mr. Samuel Brownson: I having well considered the agreement made by us with John Griswold, and being satisfied with said Griswold's fulfilling his part of the agreement, do conclude that we ought to fulfill our part in conveying to him or his successors, the land agreed by us to be laid out; this is to signify to you that I do consent thereunto, and if you Sir do consent also, this is to desire, if you see cause, to lay out or cause to be laid out to the above said successors of John Griswold the land agreed on, viz: a home-lot, and as much other land as shall amount to seventy-four acres, and six acres of meadow; as witness my hand. Dated at Milford, this 27th of November, 1724." This was agreed to by Samuel Brownson, and both members of the committee signed the paper as a deed, and it was recorded. Several parcels of land however, had been laid out to these heirs about a week before, and were now recorded. Eighteen acres of this land was deeded to William Gould, as the mill-wright who helped build the mill or mills, for there was a saw-mill here as well as a grist-mill, when the land was thus surveyed and recorded.

John Griswold came from Wethersfield in 1716, a relative of Jacob and David Griswold, who preceded him to this town. He built his mill at what is now Lanesville, according to agreement, probably, in the year 1717; but had not received payment, when by some fatal illness he suddenly passed away, in the midst of life, Dec. 24, 1719, leaving a family of young children, one being born after his decease.

William Gould, the mill-wright, came to the town probably, with John Griswold; was successful in his trade, had a family of at least six children, some of whom remained in the town a number of years, and in the strength of manhood he passed from this life, Feb. 15, 1730; but at the time his sons William and Job had become active citizens of the town, and land-holders to some considerable extent. His home-lot was laid out in Dec., 1717, on Poplar street, bounded on the south by Samuel Adkins.

Dec. 11, 1721. "The town by vote granted to John Bostwick, Sen., the liberty and privilege of the highway across Aspetuck river at the lower end of Mount Tom meadow, in case he

erect a good grist-mill, sufficient to grind the town's corn well and seasonably within one year after this time, and maintain the same in good and sufficient repair, both he and his heirs after him."

Whether Mr. Bostwick built this proposed mill or not is not known. The location was on the river near the present residence of Mr. Stephen G. Beecher.

A Minister Ordained.

While it seems to have been the expectation of the inhabitants of New Milford that Mr. Boardman would become their pastor, it also appears that there was some doubt as to the ability of the place to support him creditably to himself, and also to the parish. It is doubtful if his salary was decided upon for more than a few months at a time, until his ordination after preaching here nearly five years. On Dec. 30, 1714, they say in town meeting, "chosen John Bostwick, Sen., and Samuel Brownson, to agree with Mr. Boardman what shall be his wages for half a year's work."

In the next May (1715), they petitioned "the General Court, to see whether we might attain liberty for the settlement of the worship and ordinances of God amongst us," and in a few days this reply came: "Upon the petition of the inhabitants of New Milford: This Assembly grant them liberty to embody in church estate, as soon as God in his providence shall make way therefor." Two weeks after, they voted that "Daniel Boardman should be hired to preach the gospel to us for half a year," showing they were not yet ready for the settlement; and on June 16, 1715, "at a town meeting, it was concluded by the affirmative, that Mr. Boardman should be treated in order to a settlement among us in the work of the ministry; and it is to be understood, this act is our election of Mr. Boardman," and the committee to treat with him, was John Bostwick, Sen., and Samuel Brownson.

When these votes were passed by the town, and the committee called on him, he sent the following communication—still preserved in his hand writing:

"Proposals to encourage y^e settlement of a minister in New Milford; given by D. Boardman, July 25, 1715.

"It's to be supposed that his salary shall be increased as it

shall be wanted, and y^e people enabled. You are to understand y^t y^e salary includes y^e price of his board, firewood, y^e price of wintering a horse as well as wages.

"It's also to be supposed y^t y^e minister is to have a comfortable subsistence from his people, if he be disenabled to perform y^e office of a minister.

"Again, it is to be supposed that y^e house and Right Should be given at usual terms; also y^t y^e house and well shall be finished, or at least be tenantable by ye 20 day of November next.

"The lot in y^e Indian field to be given as formerly discoursed on; also to have y^e improvement of what parsonage land that he shall choose.

"Further, as to labor upon y^e lot.

"A line of S rail fence to be made by y^e town from y^e highway at y^e east end to Aspatuck River, at y^e south side; and at y^e east end by y^t highway, and what is requisite at y^e north side by Jacob Griswold; and to break up four acres of land: all this to be done by y^e 15 day of June next.

Also five pound worth of work about a barn when it shall be wanted; otherwise two days work of each proprietor that are here resident y^e may suffice if y^r is help to be obtained from y^e proprietors respecting this matter." Four days afterward, "John Weller, Sen., was chosen to carry Mr. Boardman's proposals to Milford to hear what they will do in order to the settlement of a minister amongst us here, and Samuel Hitchcock and Samuel Brownson were chosen to hire a man to board Mr. Daniel Boardman," and nearly a month later they proceeded a little further, namely: "It was voted they would accept some of Mr. Daniel Boardman's propositions in order to a settlement; namely, that concerning his salary, and that concerning the lot in the Indian field, the fencing the land, and also ploughing so much as is proposed."

Thus matters stood until the next May, 1716, when, having sent a petition to the Assembly for help in order to the "Settling and maintaining of a minister and building a meeting-house," that body "Resolved that the respective proprietors of the said town not residing there, shall for each right annually pay the sum of ten shillings, and for less than a right in proportion, for the space of three years next and after, as the said town shall

agree, or this court shall order, always provided, that the money ordered by this act be paid to Mr. Samuel Clark of Milford, merchant, and that he take care to dispose of the same to the uses within mentioned." At this time, having become a town, the inhabitants had the right to assess themselves for religious purposes, by a town vote, to any extent they might see proper, and therefore, with the outside help now secured, felt warranted in settling a minister, and on the 20th of August, 1716, "Voted that we will endeavor to have Mr. Daniel Boardman settled, and that we will pitch upon the third Wednesday in October for ordination, in case our way may be clear ;" but the way was not clear, and on the eleventh of the next October they agreed upon "Wednesday in the next week after Thanksgiving, or the next Wednesday after that time, and John Bostwick and Samuel Brownson were chosen a committee to sign letters to the Elders and Messengers, John Bostwick and Samuel Brownson were chosen a committee for the entertaining the gentlemen above mentioned when they come." At this time (Oct. 11, 1716), they further specified as to the minister's salary, but no definite amount has been seen, as named, other than this in Mr. Boardman's own proposition : " Its to be supposed that his salary shall be increased as it shall be wanted, and the people enabled." The record of the agreement is thus : " At a legal town meeting, the following articles were agreed upon : viz. : . An agreement made between Mr. Daniel Boardman a preacher of the gospel and the inhabitants of said New Milford ; first, it's supposed that the town shall see the said Boardman paid the seven shillings upon each right not settled according to agreement made with Mr. Samuel Clark, at Milford ; and, as for the remaining part of the salary which lies upon the inhabitants :—we covenant and agree that it shall be paid as follows : first, that every present inhabitant may have the liberty to pay one-third part of his or her minister's rate in grain, that is to say wheat, rye, Indian corn,—wheat at three shilling and six pence per bushel as money, rye at two and four pence per bushel, and Indian corn at twenty pence, all as money. Second, the other two-third parts I will allow to be paid in the several species or kinds, viz. : flax, or labor, or pork, or linen cloth ; if not these then money ; these two latter parts you may pay some of every sort, or the whole in either of them. This agreement shall stand as long as shall consist with

peace and prosperity, and I do oblige myself to sell to the inhabitants grain at the same price, what I have to spare."

Thus practically the minister became, of necessity, a produce merchant as well as a preacher.

A little further preparation for the ordination seemed proper in those days of "correct habits," as so often represented, and at the same meeting they "agreed that there should be one pound and two shillings raised forthwith to purchase a drum for the use of the town, and William Gaylord and John Weller were the committee to gather the above money and improve it to purchase a drum," but these persons were too slow or not good collectors, for eleven days later another vote was passed to collect one pound and three shillings "to purchase a drum for the use of the town, and Jonathan Buck to gather the money." At the same time "Stephen Noble was chosen to represent the town in such manner as shall be needful at the time of the ordination of Mr. Daniel Boardman." And the ordination took place, doubtless, with due sacredness and rejoicing at the appointed time. The Church Record book was procured some years afterward, and as Mr. Boardman says in it, the making of records "entered upon Dec. 18, 1727, by Daniel Bordman, pastor of said Church." He recorded: "November 21, 1716, Daniel Bordman was called, appeared, and was ordained a pastor of y^e Church of Christ in New Milford, in y^e county of New Haven, in y^e Colony of Connecticut. Ordained by y^e Rev^d Mr. Shove and Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Moss; Mr. Shove gave y^e charge. The Messengers [were] Mr. John Sherman of Woodbury, Mr. Holbrook of Derby, Mr. Cornwall of Danbury, Capt. Samuel Clark of Milford, and Mr. Sylvanus Baldwin of Milford."

Immediately following the above record, Mr. Boardman made another: "At a meeting of the Brethren of the Church of New Milford, Anno. 1716, speedily after the aforesaid settlement, Mr. Samuel Brownson was chosen to officiate in the place of a Déacon, and, about a year after by the said Brethren, was chosen a Deacon. Then agreed that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be celebrated once in three months." This method of securing Deacons, first to choose them to "officiate in the place of," and after one, two, or more years, to elect to the office, was followed many years, and thus Roger Sherman, as well as several others served on probation two years and was then elected.

A Church Established.

The "First Church of Christ" was organized by the council on the day of the ordination of Mr. Boardman, and gave the call to the minister, which he accepted, and the ordination followed. The record Mr. Boardman made of the organization of the church is thus rendered :

"New Milford, Nov. 21, 1716. An account of the Brethren of the church at the first settlement of the ministry.

"Some records imperfect for the want of a book.

Recommended ye Planters.

Daniel Bordman,
John Bostwick,
Samuel Brownson,
Zachariah Ferris,
Samuel Beebe,
Samuel Hitchcock,
John Weller,
Roger Brownson,

Female Members.

Mary Noble, widow,
Sarah Hitchcock, recommended from
Springfield ; ye wife of Samuel Hitch-
cock,
Hannah Beebe, ye wife of Samuel Beebe,
recommended from Danbury,
Lydia Brownson, ye wife of Samuel
Brownson,
Dorcas Brownson, ye wife of Roger
Brownson.

"Quickly was added to the church, by admission, and recommendation to Church Communion.

"Jonathan Buck, James Prime, Ann Prime, ye wife of James Prime, recommended from Milford. Oct. 19, 1718, William Gaylor, Johannah Gaylor, ye wife of William Gaylor, recommended from Woodbury.

"Elizabeth Harris, ye wife of William Harris, recommended from Wethersfield.

"Mercy Bostwick, ye wife of John Bostwick, recommended from the church of Danbury.

"Rebecca Weller, ye wife of John Weller, admitted Oct. 19, 1718."

Church Members.

1719.

Benoni Stebbins (Northampton),
Mary Gould, wife of Wm.,

1720.

Samuel Prindle,
Dorothy Prindle, wife of Samuel,
John Noble,
John Welch,
Abigail Noble, wife of John,
Deborah Welch, wife of John,
Abigail Noble, wife of Stephen,
Mabel Griswold, widow,
Mary Buck, wife of Enoch,
— Camp, wife of Samuel (Milford),
Miriam Pickett, wife of Thomas,
Hannah Noble,

Lydia Noble, wife of David,
Mary Stebbins, wife of Benoni,

1721.

Benjamin Bunnell,
Ebenezer Bostwick,
Rebecca Bostwick, wife of Ebenezer,
Patience Bunnell, wife of Benjamin (Mil-
ford),

1722.

Ebenezer Baldwin,
Mary Baldwin, wife of Ebenezer,

1725.

Phebe Hoose.

1726.

Paul Welch,
Obadiah Weller,
John Prindle,

Jerusha Baldwin, wife of Theophilus,
 Patience Washburn, wife of Ebenezer,
 Sarah Prindle,
 Nathan Tallcott,
 James Lake,
 Thomas Weller,
 Nathan Terrill,
 David Ferriss,
 Benjamin Ferriss,
 Samuel Prindle, Jr.,
 Abraham Brownson,
 Zephaniah Hoose,
 Ruth Terrill,
 Anna Jackson,
 Phebe Beecher,
 Sarah Ferriss,
 Dorothy Prindle,
 Mary Hoose,
 Samuel Canfield,
 Eleazer Beecher,
 Hannah Bordman, wife of Daniel (Con-
 cord),
 Jerusha Bordman, wife of Daniel (Strat-
 field),
 Sarah Brownson, wife of Thomas,
 Elizabeth Prindle,
 Abigail Canfield, wife of Samuel,
 Hannah Bunnell,
 Hannah Ferriss,

1727.

Thomas Brownson,
 Ruth Brownson,
 Esther Hitchcock,
 Deborah Hitchcock,
 Capt. Stephen Noble,
 Samuel Hitchcock,
 Rebecca Hitchcock, wife of Samuel,
 Jonathan Hitchcock,
 Mary Hitchcock, wife of Jonathan,
 Miriam Mallery,
 Elizabeth Terrill, wife of Gamaliel (from
 Waterbury),
 Theophilus Baldwin,
 John Weller, Jr.,
 Gamaliel Terrill,
 Roger Brownson, Jr.,
 Lemuel Bostwick,
 Nathan Gaylord,
 Hannah Bostwick,
 Sarah Buck and Lydia Buck (from Litch-
 field),

Ezekiel Buck, from Litchfield,
 James Hine,
 Margaret Hine, wife of James,
 William Gould,
 Daniel Prindle,
 Stephen Noble, Jr.,
 Joseph Weller,

1731.

Deborah Hitchcock, wife of Samuel,

1733-

James Camp,
 Aaron Gaylord,
 Phebe Gaylord, wife of Aaron,

1734-

Joseph Murry,
 Hannah Murry, wife of Joseph (from
 Newtown),
 John Weller, Sen., restored,
 James Lake, restored,
 Jonathan Buck, Jr.,
 Jacob Brownson,
 David Camp,
 Thankful Weller,
 Catharine Hoose, wife of Zephaniah,
 Ruth Delpesh, (?)
 Ezra Terrill, and Margaret Terrill, wife
 of Ezra (from Woodbury),

1735-

Ann Buck, wife of Joseph,
 Betty Buck, wife of Jonathan, Jr.,
 Joseph Hubbard, and his wife, from
 Ridgefield,
 Thomas Oviat, Sen.,
 Joseph Ruggles, and Rachel Ruggles, wife
 of Joseph, from New Haven,
 Sarah Hawley, wife of Hiell,
 Job Terrill, and his wife, from Milford,
 Jonathan Buck, Sen., restored,

1736.

Thomas Hudson, of Lyme,
 Job Gould,
 John Bostwick 3d,
 Jemima Bostwick, wife of John,
 Benjamin Hoose,
 Josiah Brounson,
 Hannah Lumm, wife of Samuel, from
 Derby,
 Mary Baldwin, wife of Ebenezer, from
 Newtown,
 Joseph Weller, renewed his standing,

Rebecca Brounson, wife of Jacob,
Margaret Oviatt, wife of Thomas,
Sarah Camp, wife of David,
Nathan Hawley,
Keziah Hawley, wife of Nathan,
Dorothy Prindle, wife of Samuel, restored,
Sarah (Prindle) Gould, restored.

1737.

Mr. Jeremiah Cantfield,
William Drinkwater, from Ridgefield,
John Botsford,
Samuel Baldwin,
Betty Botsford, wife of Jonathan,
Mr. Ebenezer Fisk and Mehitable Fisk
(Ebenr.), from Milford.

1738.

Nathan Botsford,
Sarah Botsford, wife of Nathan,
Bushnell Bostwick,
Miriam Bostwick (Bush),
Joseph Warner,
Daniel Hine,
Mary Smith, wife of Josiah, from Derby,

1739.

Daniel Farrand,
Ebenezer Fisk,
Mr. Joseph Benedict and Mr. Ephraim
Hawley, from Newtown,
Mary Benedict, wife of Joseph,
Phebe Hawley, wife of Ephraim,
John Hitchcock,
Benajah Bostwick,
John Bradshaw,
James Terrill,
Joseph Oviatt,
Ebenezer Buck,
Sarah Hitchcock, wife of John,
Hannah Bordman,
James Moger,
Dorcas Brownson.

1740.

David Bostwick,
Marcy Bostwick, wife of David, from
Southbury,
John North, of New Fairfield,
Benjamin Benedict, from Ridgefield,
John Welch,
Rebecca Bostwick, wife of Joseph,

1741.

Martha Camp, wife of Enos, from Mil-
ford,
Sarah Bradshaw, wife of John, from Dan-
bury,
Sarah Prindle, wife of Samuel, from
Unity,
Ann Hawley, wife of Eph.,
Ephraim Hawley, Jr.,
Gamaliel Baldwin,
William Buck,
Caleb Mallery,
Hannah Bostwick, wife of Benajah,
Mary Noble,
Mary Farrand,
Rebecca Herautt,
Peneleope Bordman,
Tamar Bordman,
Elizabeth Mallery, wife of Caleb,
David Merwin,
James Mackeney,
John Woodruff and Abigail Woodruffe,
from Kensington.

1742.

Amos Collins,
Daniel Noble,
Sarah Noble, wife of John,
Prudence Collins, wife of Amos,
Jerusha Baldwin,
Peter Brounson,
David Hawley,
Abia Bennett, wife of Benj.,
Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick,
Elizabeth Drinkwater, wife of John, from
Taunton.

1743.

Eleanor Mackendy, wife of James,
John Warner,
Rachel Bost, wife of Benj., from Ridge-
field,
Ezra Terrill, from Southbury.

1744.

William Prime,
Nathan Wheeler,
Sarah Prime, wife of Wm.
Paul Terrill.

Method of Appointing Deacons in the First Church.

The method of the New Milford Church in appointing its Deacons, for many years, may be seen in the following record.

"At a meeting of the Brethren of the church of New Milford, Anno., 1716, speedily after the aforesaid settlement Mr. Samuel Brounson was chosen to officiate in the place of a Deacon, and about a year after by the said Brethren was chosen a Deacon. Then agreed that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be celebrated once in three months.

"March 28, 1725. At a meeting of the Brethren of the church James Prime was chosen to officiate in the place of a Deacon.

"November 1st, 1726. At a meeting of the Brethren of the church the above-mentioned James Prime was chosen a Deacon."

This was the method pursued in regard to the following men who were finally elected Deacons :—

1716, Samuel Brownson, died 1733,
1725, James Prime,
1733, Lt. John Bostwick, died 1741,
1738, Job Terrill,
1742, Samuel Canfield,

1751, Bushnel Bostwick,
1755, Roger Sherman,
1761, Benjamin Gaylord,
1761, Capt. John Hitchcock,
1779, Capt. Sherman Boardman.

One man after his probation as Deacon was rejected.

"Feb., 1751. At a church meeting regularly warned it was fully voted in the negative that Ebenezer Beecher should not be established in the office of a Deacon; he fell off to a party called Separates and could not be reclaimed."

These lamentations might have been saved, for in less than fifty years, the principles and doctrines of the Separates were adopted by a majority of the churches, having such leaders as Dr. Bellamy, Samuel J. Mills, and others.

A Sample of Church Discipline.

"At a meeting of the Brethren of the church of New Milford holden on the 19th day of October, 1740, to consider the case of James Lake, under the scandal of drunkenness, who was esteemed guilty by all the Brethren present, agreed and confessed that said Lake should be dealt with in a disciplinary way according to the rules of the gospel,—that is to say, to be admonished and excommunicated in case of stubbornness,—the evidences and the judgment of the court civil here pending, to be proceeded again in 3 or 4 weeks.

Dec. 28, 1740. James Lake not attending the worship of God some time before, it was thought fit by the church that if James Lake should refuse to attend the worship, that he should be warned by two Brethren, accordingly [he] was by Benjamin Bunnell and Benoni Stebbins to appear at the public worship, to hear his admonition, but did not appear, yet it was read in public [and] sent to him by the said Brethren.

"Anno., 1741-2. After y^e 2d admonition the said James Lake returned, made his peace with the church and [was] accepted."

This was among several cases.

Change in the Manner of Conducting Singing.

In the first method of conducting singing the Deacons led while standing in front of the pulpit.

"Feb. 12, 1739-40. At a meeting to consider and agree about the singing of God's praises in the congregation, then it was clearly voted that we should half the time; that is to say, to sing one day all the old way, the next Sabbath day, all the new way for the space of a year, and then to have a reconsideration of the matter. Samuel Bostwick chosen chorister for the new way, and Nathan Botsford for the 2d, in case of the other's absence.

D. BORDMAN, *Moderator.*

"Feb. 12, 1740-41. A meeting legally warned to consider and agree about the singing of God's praises in the congregation. First, it was put to vote that those that were for singing all together the old way should go to the east end of the meeting-house, where appeared 16, and those that were for the new way of singing alltogether, to go to the west end of the house, where appeared the number 29 or 30.

"Then 2^dly, voted that the majority of voters should rule and govern in the affair—30 against 16.

3^d. Lemuel Bostwick was voted in for a chorister by about 30, or by a greater majority.

4th. Nathan Botsford was voted for a 2^d, or to assist in Samuel Bostwick's absence by about the like majority.

DANIEL BORDMAN, *Moderator.*

"At a church meeting, Feb., 1750-51, Nathan Botsford desiring to be dismissed from tuning the Psalms, Samuel Bostwick was chosen in his room to assist in Lemuel Bostwick's absence.

N. TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

"At a church meeting afterwards, Samuel Bostwick was chosen to be chorister,—and afterward John Oviatt to assist in tuning the Psalm.

N. TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

At a church meeting regularly warned May, 1758: Voted that Doct. Watts's version of the Psalms should be sung the last singing in the afternoon on the Sabbath, and at lectures.

NATH^l TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

At another meeting of the church, April 25, 1759: Voted that the old version of the Psalms should be sung in the forenoon and Dr. Watts's version in the afternoon, for one year, then altogether Dr. Watts's. At the same time voted that the third Book of Doctor Watts's Hymns should be sung on the occasion of the Lord's Supper,

Test. NATH^l TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

August 5, 1761, David Canfield was chosen to assist in tuning the Psalms at a regular church meeting.

NATH^l TAYLOR, *Moderator*."

Another matter, although a little delicate, deserves attention in this place. The Rev. Daniel Boardman made the following record in the church book: "March y^e 5th, 1739-40. At a church meeting of y^e brethren of this church; unanimously voted and agreed to allow y^e ordinance of baptism to be administered to infants born at seven months after a marriage of y^e parents thereof, or those such as were not punishable by y^e civil law of y^e government, without a strict examination by yⁿ pastor, not obliging a man to condemn himself."

If a child was born under a less time than that specified above, the parents were required, generally, in Connecticut, to make a public confession before the child could be baptized. This confession was laughingly represented by the phrase "Walk the Broad Aisle," which meant that such parents were required, after the birth of the first child, to walk up the center aisle of the church to the pulpit, before the assembled audience, and there

make their confession, and then the child was baptized. All of this, nearly, grew out of the abominable doctrine that parties "engaged to be married" are bound together just as much as after the marriage ceremony is performed. The consequences of this disgraceful sentiment may be seen in the fact that thousands of records are now on the town books of Connecticut declaring the births to have been within any where from ten days to seven months after the marriage of the parents, and that too, as well among the families of the very best standing in the communities, as any other. The occasion for such records scarce ever occur at the present day.

It is true, also, that all our sentiments of the present day, and for the past 1,400 years concerning "engagement," marriage and divorce, are colored with heathen notions, brought to us from the old Roman nation through the Roman Catholic Church, so that we have scarcely a truly Christian sentiment on either of these topics.

CHAPTER IV.

ADDITIONAL SETTLERS—1713-1720.



TERMINATION, with patience, application, and length of years, conquers all obstacles and makes all the attributes of nature pay tribute unto man.

When the petition of the New Milford people was sent to the Assembly in November, 1711, they asked for a tax of seven shillings on each Right in the township, but it was soon found that that amount, £36 8s., would do but little towards building the minister's house after paying his salary, and they therefore petitioned the next May that the tax should be made twelve shillings instead of seven, which was granted. The names on this second petition were the same in number as on the first, and the same as the first except that Robert Bostwick was in the stead of Isaiah Bartlet.

13. Robert Bostwick, was the son of John Bostwick, Sen., second settler in New Milford, and was at this time (1712) just past 21 years of age, and therefore could sign such a petition which he could not do the previous October, although he was here in the place. He built a house on the site of the one that now stands next below the dwelling of Mr. Charles Randall, on Grove street, but in a short time after he removed to Bedford, Westchester county, N. Y., where he married, lived, and died, so far as is known. This land he sold to Samuel Canfield, with the dwelling-house, in 1723, after he had been in Bedford some years.

Before this church was organized the New Milford people journeyed to Woodbury to meeting some of the time, and they may have gone to Derby some, for John Noble's wife united with the church at Derby. The following record is in Woodbury.

"Admitted to Membership.—1710, Jan. 29, John Noble of New Milford. 1714, Jan. 3, Samuel Hitchcock of New Milford. 1716, Nov. 11, Roger Brownson of New Milford."

As soon as religious privileges were secured, the settlement be-

gan more rapidly to increase, and some running account of the new families which came in before 1730, will be important.

14. Mr. Daniel Boardman, as he was always called while living, was "called to preach the gospel at New Milford," as he recorded, "March 17, 1712," having probably preached several Sabbaths before that date, and this arrangement was continued in view of his becoming a settled pastor. There were three terms used in those days as to securing a preacher,—one was to "hire him for pay," which meant for a few Sabbaths only; the next was to hire him "on probation," which meant that he was a candidate for settlement,—the third was a "settled pastor." For two or three years Mr. Boardman could scarcely be said to have had a salary, for during that time several votes were passed in town meetings to pay certain dues for him in view of supporting him as their minister, but no sum is mentioned as his salary, or settlement.

When the plantation was granted liberty, in October, 1711, to settle a minister, a tax of seven shillings was allowed on each Right,—104,—and in the next May this amount was increased to twelve shillings on each Right; and in October, 1713, they were allowed to raise by tax on all Rights so much as was still wanting to complete the dwelling for the minister, and that "could not come out of the twelve shillings" after giving what support seemed necessary to the minister. This tax ran four years, until 1716, when another was allowed upon non-resident proprietors, in addition to the parish tax for Mr. Boardman—then a settled pastor. His dwelling-house, which, in October 6, 1713, was voted to be "forty feet in length, and twenty-one in breadth, and two stories high, and fourteen feet between joints," and his well and barn, were built largely without cost, by volunteer work. This house stood on the lot given to him by the proprietors, which was located on the Aspetuck Hill,—west side of the street, just after rising the steep part of the hill, going north.

In view of his becoming a settled pastor the proprietors gave him a whole Right of land in the township, and on February 2, 1713, he purchased a whole Right of Wakefield Dibble of Danbury, and on April 28, 1714, he purchased another whole Right

of Samuel Sanford of Milford, for which two Rights the town a few years afterwards paid.

"Jan. 14, 1725-6. Voted that the town shall pay for the two rights that Mr. Daniel Boardman hath by purchase." He afterwards purchased another half right, and never sold any land of account.

In the same year, (Dec. 7, 1726,) the town "Voted that the selectmen send to the committee for building Mr. Boardman's house to know whether they will finish the same or not."

Up to this period the town had given him, instead of what was usually denominated a "settlement," three Rights of land (whole Rights, sometimes called), which amounted, with meadow lands, to eleven hundred acres of land, built him a house and well, and a part of his barn.

Eight divisions of land were made before his decease and these for the three Rights, with meadow, amounted to 850 acres, making him as large a landholder, with a few exceptions, possibly, as there was in the town, at his decease.

Also the following must be added to his land possessions :

"Daniel Boardman, Jacob Griswold, David Griswold, Thomas Picket, and Benoni Stebbins, bought of John Noble, Sen., John Bostwick, Sen., Zachariah Ferriss, Samuel Brownson, Roger Brownson, William Gaylord, Samuel Prindle, John Weller, Benjamin Bostwick, Thomas Weller, John Bostwick, Jr., Samuel Hitchcock, John Noble, Jr., Stephen Noble, Robert Bostwick, the fourth part of a certain parcel of land containing about 130 acres, bounded east with the Great River, northerly with the said river to an elm tree on the river bank, then by a southwest line taking in Fort Hill with the graves, and then upon the top of the bank by the meadow to the Great River upon the South side of a brook that falls into the said river. . . . Although Daniel Boardman is above mentioned as a purchaser, yet it is to be understood that his right is more of the nature of a gift ; we, with the rest of the proprietors of the said [land] grant it to him on the condition that he become a settled minister here, at New Milford. . . . Subscribed May 5, 1714."

This arrangement made the owners of that field to number twenty, each having about six and a half acres. This deed al-

though given in 1714, was not recorded until sixteen years afterwards.

In 1715 he purchased a half-right of Samuel Orton of Woodbury, and in 1718 he bought that part of another half right which was then undivided, there having been taken out of it about 30 acres, leaving about 125 acres for him. These parcels of land, with several small pieces which he purchased:—one of his father containing ten acres, another of David Griswold containing twenty acres; and others, with his right in the North Purchase, made the amount of land which he owned to be more than fifteen hundred acres;—over ten hundred being divided to him before he died.

The sales of land which he made were few and in small pieces; and he exchanged several small pieces. When he needed work done which he could not well secure otherwise, he parted with a piece of land, as indicated by the following: "In consideration of setting up and covering a lenetoe [lean-to] to my dwelling-house, which being performed is to my full satisfaction," he deeded "to Enoch Buck, carpenter," seven acres of land in 1729; and in the same year, "in consideration of 300 good chestnut rails," he sold to Theophilus Baldwin "one half of a meadow lot in Mount Tom Meadow." Also, in 1730, "in consideration of breaking up of ten acres of land upon the plain in the common field, near to Poplar Swamp," he sold to Isaac Deforest ten acres of land, west of Still River and south of Three-Mile Brook.

It is a part of history to record that among the many pieces of land surveyed to him, there was laid, in 1726, "to Mr. Daniel Boardman five acres of land, being two islands,— . . . the first against a place called Mary Land, . . . the other being against the north end of said Mary Land," and in 1730 there was laid to him also "Spruce Island, between two islands of the above said Boardman's," at the same location. Thus early, before any inhabitants resided in that locality, was the place known by the name of "Mary Land."

A letter is still in existence which gives the following information, the source of information being most reliable. Judge D. S. Boardman related to his niece, Miss Cornelia Boardman, that the Rev. Daniel Boardman had a slave called Primus, and for him Mr. Boardman built a hut at the farm at Boardman's

bridge, at a large rock about seventy rods above where the pines used to stand, which had since been known as Primus Rock. This slave came from Mary Land, and he named that locality on the east side of the river, after his native state, and it is still known by that name. The land on that farm where the well-known pine trees stood so many years, was put under cultivation by Rev. Mr. Boardman, and so continued a number of years, Primus being the ploughman and residing in his hut; but, when for a time it was not ploughed, a few large pines that stood on the river-bank scattered their seed, and the young pines came up thick, covering seven or more acres. Sherman Boardman said he remembered going among those trees when his outstretched arms would pass over the tops of all or any of them. A few years since these trees were cut down, and some of them measured over four feet in diameter at the stump.

Mr. Boardman's Salary.

As a part of his salary, the town furnished him with wood, for which arrangements were made at each annual town meeting; it being secured for a few years, at first, by voluntary offerings; each man pledging himself to deliver at Mr. Boardman's house so many cords; but in the execution of this method some were negligent, and the wood apparently did not arrive in time.

In 1717, they voted "to give David Griswold four pounds to supply the minister, Mr. Daniel Boardman, with wood for the year ensuing:"—in 1718, "that those who signed a writing to fetch Mr. Boardman's wood shall be paid two shillings and six pence a load in case those that are absent will not do their full proportion," and in 1720, that, "The town agree to give William Conn six pounds to find Mr. Boardman with wood for a year, beginning at the 1st of January next, and they paying him three pounds this present year." In 1724 they agreed to give Benoni Stebbins "nine pound fifteen shillings" to provide him with sufficient wood for the year; and in January, 1726, that he should have "forty cord of good wood provided by the last of January next, and those that fail, to forfeit twelve shillings a cord."

As to his salary, which was, apparently, always when he had any stipulated sum, less than fifty pounds previous to 1724; and there was difficulty in collecting it, and especially that which

was levied on personal property. In May, 1719, the Assembly granted "that the inhabitants of said town, for the support of the ministry, shall annually, for the space of four years, pay a tax of four pence on the pound, to be levied upon all the polls and ratable stock in said New Milford." In October, 1721, much of this tax remained unpaid, and the Assembly gave authority to proceed in law to collect it, or send the persons indebted therefor to gaol, according to the law in other matters of debt. In 1724, the Assembly granted a "tax upon each Right of lands in said New Milford, of six shillings and six pence for the support of the ministry;" and in the annual meeting of that year, Dec. 11, they "voted that Mr. Boardman's salary shall be advanced to sixty pounds." In 1725, the prices of grain advanced about one-third; wheat seven shillings per bushel, instead of four and five shillings in previous years, and corn at four shillings and eight pence instead of three shillings.

But the day of relief and advancement began to dawn, for in the town meeting, Dec. 30, 1726, "there was a committee appointed to consult Mr. Boardman as to fixing his salary and the price of grains for a number of years, and the town voted to pay him as salary, ninety pounds a year for the space of six years, and to pay in grain six cents per bushel below the market price at Fairfield, yearly, or in money; and pork at one shilling per hundred below the above said market; and the time to determine the market price to be the middle of January, yearly.

"Voted that the above said salary shall be the highest that they would bid."

This proposition Mr. Boardman consented to accept provided his firewood should be in addition, but the town refused to add it. Upon this, after three days, an adjourned meeting was held and Mr. Boardman sent the following: "Jan. 2, 1726-7. This may give notice to the inhabitants of the town that I will for peace sake comply with the terms of ninety pounds and it may be so entered upon record for six years.

DANIEL BOARDMAN."

In 1731, came the seceding of nineteen members of the church to the Quakers, but the relations of these persons were such as to affect the membership of the church much more than the financial interests of the society, for in December, 1732, the

town made a proposition to Mr. Boardman, and the following is his reply: "Dec. 12, 1732. Being informed by the committee that the town have agreed to find me thirty cords of fire-wood, ninety-five pound salary with the wood, ten shillings per cord, species [grains] at the town's prices:

I thankfully accept—and should more thankfully if there were a full compliance. You're to serve,

DANIEL BORDMAN."

In 1736, his salary was £120; in 1740, it was £135, and in 1742, £155 "money according to old tenor." The last consultation with Mr. Boardman concerning his salary resulted in the following brief note which was quite characteristic of the man: "Dec. 1743. To the moderator or clerk of the town meeting: I have received by Lt. Hine and Sargt. Lemuel Bostwick, a paper that contains the several prices of Species and the vote for my salary, viz.: 145 pounds; this may signify that I accept and return thanks.

DANIEL BORDMAN."

The severest struggle through which Mr. Boardman and his people passed was the term of years from 1719 to 1724, while the first meeting-house was being erected and completed. The urgency of their petitions to the Assembly, and the repetition of them, indicate the greatness of the effort they found it necessary to make, in order to the success of the gospel in their community.

It was in 1722, also, that the "North Purchase" was made, to add to the territory of the town,—a movement which, in all probability, was a damage to the town rather than an advantage, since, for many years, it drew capital out of the town, when most needed in it, instead of adding thereto, for it was no part of the town until it was annexed in May, 1741.

The following is one of many receipts that Mr. Boardman gave to persons who had been collectors in his behalf.

"Nathaniel Bostwick's Acquittance.

This may certify that whereas Nathaniel Bostwick of New Milford, was put in collector by the General Assembly to gather a rate of six shillings and six pence upon each Right in the township of New Milford, and to pay to Mr. Daniel Bordman,

minister of said town, for the space of five years, which term of time is supposed to have ended at or before the year 1730 ; this may signify that said Bostwick has finished that work and is discharged by me.

NEW MILFORD, Dec. 24, 1733.

D. BORDMAN."

More New Settlers.

15. Capt. Stephen Noble, son of John, Sen., settled in this town in 1713, for in a deed, Jan. 13, 1713-14, he is said to be "of New Milford," which signified that he was then residing here. His father deeded him half of his home-lot and as thus divided Stephen's part was the corner where Col. Charles D. Blinn now resides, including the lot next south to the corner ;— his lot being 38 rods on the street, east ; 54 rods on the street on the south (now Bennitt street) and bounded west and north by his father's home-lot. After his father's decease, he purchased the whole of his father's land and Right in the township, and became, and continued to be for many years, one of the most active men in offices and enterprises. He was the first Captain of the first military company in the town, and soon after that company was organized, about 1717, he was directed by the State to take charge of soldiers stationed here then, and several times afterwards, to protect the inhabitants from the reported coming of the Canada Indians. It is probable that it was his house that was stockaded or made as a fort at this time, and thus continued some years. He, with John Bostwick, Jr., represented the town for the first time in 1725, and afterwards he was representative 16 sessions. By trade he was a blacksmith, and his shop stood on the highway, now Bennitt street, some little distance west of the corner, as mentioned in a deed. He was selectman of the town many years, and was often appointed on special committees for this town, and in behalf of the church, and as a delegate for special public matters ; and his name, with that of Zachariah Ferriss, stands attached to the certificates of surveys of hundreds of deeds on the town records. The amount of public work done by him and Zachariah Ferriss was never equaled by any other two men, unless by Samuel Canfield, Esq., and Col. Elisha Bostwick. The General Assembly, on the 13th day of October, 1726, "upon the intelligence of the Indian enemy coming toward our frontier," passed the following :

"*Resolved by this Assembly, That twenty effective men be forthwith raised in the town of Milford, with a Sergeant, and march forthwith to New Milford, to be under the command of Capt. Stephen Noble, to be improved for the defense of said town; and that the Major of the regiment of New Haven forthwith make out the necessary orders therefor.*"

"*Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. John Marsh, and Capt. Stephen Noble, forthwith send each of them a small scout at their discretion into the woods, and in the name of this Assembly to command all our friend Indians to retire to the respective towns or places where they belong, and that they may not be seen in the woods except in company with the Englishmen.*"

Day after day for some weeks was the Captain seen passing with his military scout out of the village in various directions and returning, for the purpose of protecting the frontier plantation from surprise and massacre. On the Sabbath they marched in full military style to the church and entered, leaving a sentinel outside during service, causing the military array in the house of God to appear in strange contrast with the message of the gospel; especially so, when it is remembered that two Christian nations, England and France, were perpetually inspiring and hiring the Indians to do this terrible work of death. The Canada Indians were on the side of the French, and the Mohawks and Connecticut Indians on the side of the English, and there was no real release from this terrible fear until Canada was ceded to the English, it being largely accomplished by the New England troops in 1758 and 9.

16. Samuel Hitchcock, from Springfield, Mass., settled here in 1713, for his dwelling-house is named in laying out the street in January, 1713-14. His house was near Samuel Prindle's, at the south-west corner of the green, near the northeast corner of Mr. Andrew B. Mygatt's present dooryard fence, and his family took rank as first class. He was one of the solid men, with but little pretension in public office, a leader in introducing and raising cattle, as appears from several town votes; but his useful career was closed by his decease, Dec. 9, 1727, leaving a number of children, who were married into the foremost families.

17. Doct. Thomas Pickett came from Danbury a single man, and pitched his dwelling-house where Mr. Henry Booth now resides. He married, Dec. 13, 1716, Mrs. Miriam Mallery, the widow of Caleb Mallery, who died the August previous. He was not called Doctor for some years, but town clerk Col. Elisha Bostwick called him Doctor, being personally acquainted with him. He acted well his part in town offices, as a farmer, and probably as a physician. His descendants were prominent in the town until within a few years of the present time.

18. Ens. William Gaylord came from Windsor in 1712, and became a very successful and influential citizen. His house stood on the corner lot on Main street and Elm, where Doct. Charles Taylor now resides, and was kept a number of years as a hotel, called in those days an "Ordinary," and afterwards a tavern. Mr. Gaylord had what the older people called a "faculty" to buy land and pay for it, piece after piece, which was located in nearly all parts of the town. This continued until about 1725, when he conceived the idea of emigration, and sold nearly everything he had except his farm on the West Aspetuck, on which he had settled his son Nathan, and pitched his tent or log-house above the straits in the beautiful locality now called Gaylordsville, where he took a new start in buying land, and kept at it until he seemed fairly in the way to rival Minister Boardman in that matter. Besides owning all Gaylordsville, he, with Capt. Stephen Noble, owned 350 acres in Wetaug, now Salisbury, and sold it at a good price. He held also a part of the Fairweather purchase on the east side of the Housatonic; and what more can only be known by reading the history of Gaylordsville. He was not a speculator in land, but bought "to keep," although sometimes he sold a little. He was a busy man, of immense energy and physical endurance, so much so that it almost makes one faint to think of his "drive-ahead powers," buying land, trading land (after he removed), but every time adding a patch above the straits on the Housatonic. A State House was wanted at Hartford. He took twenty pounds of the stock, and the General Assembly gave him 100 acres of land at Wetaug. He was a steady, upright, honorable man, but how he did reach out for land! And he obtained it, too,—he did not buy rocks, but the genuine black dirt that made the wheat grow

most charmingly. Among other pieces of land he purchased, was that whereon stood the only Indian orchard of apple trees which stood in the valley of the Housatonic, so far as we have heard, except the one at New Milford.

19. Benoni Stebbins came from Northampton, Mass., a single man, in 1712, and while residing here, purchased in October, 1713, a Right of land of Benjamin Hurd of Woodbury, and his home-lot was laid afterwards next north of David Griswold, lot number eight in the Town Plot, on which he built his dwelling and became a prosperous farmer, buying all the land adjoining him for some years;—his farm and home being noted unto this day. He married Mary Kirby of Milford, Dec. 10, 1717. He had no children, but adopted a son and a daughter,—the latter being Rebecca Herrick of Milford, whose rather romantic history is told in the Giddings genealogy. The gravestones of Mr. Stebbins and his wife are in the New Milford Cemetery.

20. Samuel Beebe settled in New Milford in 1712, but was not a land-holder. He came from Danbury, took an active part in town affairs and offices, and removed to Litchfield, as one of the first settlers of that town, and to which place he and his wife took letters of commendation from New Milford church, upon the settlement of the Rev. Timothy Collins, the first pastor in that town. His grand-daughter Rebecca became the wife of Abel Hine of New Milford, in 1763, and as such constituted a prominent part of one of the prominent families of the town.

21. Jacob Griswold, from Wethersfield, came to New Milford in 1713, being made freeman here that year. He bought a Right of Hugh Gray, Jan. 11, 1713-14, but his home-lot was laid to him Nov. 17, 1713, next north of the ministry lot given to Rev. Mr. Boardman, which was the sixth one on the west side of the street in the Town Plot. This lot he sold to John Weller, in 1716. In 1720, he was residing in Litchfield, where he was one of the earliest settlers, in connection with Samuel Beebe.

22. David Griswold came with his brother Jacob, from Wethersfield, in 1713, and his home-lot was laid next north of his brother's, being lot number seven in the Town Plot. In 1722 he was residing in Farmington, and sold his Right in New Milford to Elnathan Brigham of Mansfield, Ct.

23. Sargt. Benjamin Bunnell of New Haven, with Caleb Mallery, bought of Richard Bryan of Milford a Right, May 20, 1714, and five days later, a home-lot was laid to them next north of Col. John Read's lot, but afterwards he sold to Mallery his half, and bought the lot next north of Benoni Stebbins. He was not prominent in town offices. He died in 1749.

24. Caleb Mallery of New Haven, came to New Milford in company with Benjamin Bunnell, in 1714, and built him a dwelling on the west end of his lot next north of the one called John Reed's, for when the first meeting-house was built, it was to "be set up in the highway in the most convenient place between the house that is called Mr. John Reed's and that which is called Caleb Mallery's house." Mr. Mallery died Aug. 20, 1716, having been here a little over two years, and hence the form of the reading above, which was made in 1719.

25. Jonathan Buck of Wethersfield, bought a Right of Richard Boardman of the same place, June 19, 1715,—the date on the deed being as follows: "Dec decimo mensis qurti anno sululis millessimo septingentissimo et decimo quinto annoq. regni Georgii primo magna Brittianis Galic. et Hibernii Riss." This read very well at Wethersfield, but not quite so well in the woods at New Milford, although Samuel Brownson, town clerk, recorded it in perfect style. His home-lot was laid on Aspetuck hill next north of the parsonage lot, east side of the street; his ten acres east of this, and his first forty acres on the plain west of the Great river. He had a family of five sons and several daughters after he settled here. His residence was on the west side of Poplar street.

26. Enoch Buck came from Wethersfield, in 1715, at the same time with and was probably brother of Jonathan, being a single man, and married here Mary Beebe, May 2, 1717. While in Wethersfield he bought of Joseph Peck of Milford, a Right for £20, Feb. 21, 1714-15, and on Feb. 27, 1715-16, being then of New Milford, he bought, of Thomas Weller, land in the Indian Field. He also purchased other pieces of land, and in 1719 bought Jonathan Buck's homestead on the west side of Poplar street.

27. Paul Welch, Esq., of Milford, inherited land in New Milford, from his father Thomas Welch, who was deceased, and

his home-lot was laid to him before May 13, 1717, on Poplar street, east side, a mile north of the old burying-ground;—his first forty acres was laid in "Chestnut land." He was justice of the peace many years, and had an extensive acquaintance and a large popular influence. The fame of Squire Welch has not ceased to this day. Probably there was not another man of so much influence in the town when Rev. Nathaniel Taylor was settled here as pastor. There is something about some persons that bears great weight of character, although they make no effort to that end, and so with Squire Welch;—his fame has force a hundred years after he is "gone, to be here no more." Roger Brownson, Jr., bought ten acres of land of him in 1727, in consideration of an "anvil," and therefore Paul Welch may have been a blacksmith. Tradition says his dwelling stood, in the later part of his life, where Col. William J. Starr now resides.

28. *Samuel Camp* of Milford, had a home-lot laid to him May 13, 1717, east side Poplar street, next north of Paul Welch's, and his first forty acres in "Chestnut land." He came probably in the spring of 1717. His descendants were not numerous, although they still remain in the town. He is said in one deed to be a mason, and as such, probably, did the mason-work on the first meeting-house erected in New Milford.

29. *Samuel Guernsey*, "weaver," of Milford, bought a half-Right of John Thompson of East Haven, Jan. 5, 1716–17, and settled in New Milford, probably, the next spring, and in the following autumn he bought the other half-Right. His home-lot was laid on east side of Poplar street, in what is now Park Lane;—and his first forty acres at Chestnut land. His descendants were few and did not long remain in the town.

30. *Corpl. William Harris*, from Wethersfield, was resident here a few years, but it does not appear that he was a landholder. His wife Elizabeth united with the church in 1717, by letter from Wethersfield. No account has been seen concerning the family, except the baptism of children and her name on the church record.

31. *John Griswold*, from Wethersfield, probably, and may have been a brother to Jacob and David Griswold; he came to New Milford about 1716 to build and conduct a grist-mill under an agreement with a committee appointed by the proprietors for

the purpose. He, in connection with William Gould, built the mill, and a considerable amount of land was divided to them and their heirs, some years later, as their due after the work was completed. Scarcely had John Griswold established himself as the miller of the town, when suddenly he departed this life, Dec. 24, 1719. In 1724, the town, by a committee, laid out over eighty acres of land to his heirs in fulfillment of the agreement with him. This land, lying on the east side of the Housatonic, east of the Long Lot,—or a little north-east,—and running back to Town Brook, was purchased by Roger Brownson, most, if not all of it, and constituted a considerable portion of his farm. Mr. Griswold's widow, Mabel, was the sister of Rev. Daniel Boardman. She married 2d Josiah Nichols of Danbury, but had several children by her first husband.

32. William Gould, who seems to have been the millwright in building the first grist-mill, appears to have come into the town with John Griswold, for several pieces of land were surveyed to him in 1717, and soon after, lying next north of Samuel Adkins;—that being in the vicinity of the place now called Wellsville, and it is possible that he selected that locality in view of erecting there some kind of mill. He is said to have been of Milford, when in March, 1717, he bought half a right of land in New Milford, of John Morris, for £20. He deeded half of "his land and housing" to his son William, for "love and good-will," in 1721, and died Feb. 15, 1730.

33. Samuel Adkins from Milford, but earlier from Wethersfield, the son of Josiah Adkins of that place, settled in New Milford about 1717. He bought of Ebenezer Bryan of Milford, Feb. 6, 1716-17, a Right of land, and his home-lot was laid out to him in New Milford, Dec. 31, 1717, and bounded south upon highway, east upon highway called Poplar highway, north upon Wm. Gould, and west upon his own land. The place has been known for many years as the John Turrill place, a little south of Wellsville. Mr. Adkins sold his land and interest in land in New Milford about 1755, and removed from the town. No children were recorded here, as his.

33. Dea. James Prime, Jr., had a home-lot and ten acres measured to him April 20, 1716, and the next June his father, of Milford, gave him half of his Right, and the next spring, being

"of New Milford," he bought his father's half-Right; and his first land, 17½ acres, was laid to him next north of Theophilus Baldwin's, on the east side of the highway, at what is now Park Lane, but then, probably a little south of Poplar swamp, which was a locality just south of the Park Lane school-house. He became a deacon of the First Church, and his family was among the prominent ones of the town for some years.

35. Capt. Theophilus Baldwin came from Milford, and settled in New Milford in or before the year 1717; a single man, and married Jerusha Beecher in 1722. His first land was laid to him in 1715 on Aspetuck Hill, which he probably sold soon after, and his second—a home-lot and ten acres—was laid on both sides of Poplar highway, bounded south by Jonathan Buck, and north by James Prime, which he sold to Hezekiah and Ebenezer Baldwin; it being not far from the present Park Lane school-house. His first 40 acres are said to have been laid out in 1713, "in Chestnut woods, northeasterly from the town-plat." He resided, probably, in the vicinity of Poplar swamp, east side of the street, until his early death, May 1, 1745, in his 51st year.

When the second military company was organized in the town, Theophilus Baldwin was appointed captain of the first company, in October, 1738, and at the same time Joseph Bostwick was appointed lieutenant, and Samuel Canfield, ensign; and the boundary-line between the two companies was an east and west line across the town at the meeting-house. Hence, after this date, for many years the two sections of the town were known by the terms "North End" and "South End," and the term "North Farms" represented the farmers north of Poplar swamp, up to or above what is now Northville; and "South Farms" represented those on the plain below what is now Lanesville, or in the vicinity of Gallows Hill, but soon after it, included those at the Iron Works.

John Welch from Milford, received his home-lot on Aspetuck Hill next north of Theophilus Baldwin's, Apr. 8, 1715, and his ten acres east of Poplar highway upon which he dwelt. He died in 1732, aged 37. His son died in 1741, aged 21. In 1728, he received land surveyed to him "against Mount Tom eastward, east of East Aspetuck river, near to a place called the Thousand Hills."

James Hine of Milford came to New Milford a single man, probably in the autumn of 1723, and became, and continued some years, an influential and successful citizen; a man whose judgment was often called into requisition on town committees and the like, as often as any one in his day. He came to the town upon agreement with a number of citizens, as seen by the following :

"Dec. 16, 1723. That we in consideration that James Hine do become our smith, and do faithfully endeavor to do our work with reasonable satisfaction for the full term of four years next ensuing, do give him the several parcels of land hereafter named.

Ebenezer Baldwin,	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre.	John Welch,	1 acre.
Henry Garlick,	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	John Noble,	1 "
Theophilus Baldwin,	1 "	Zachariah Ferriss,	1 "
Samuel Adkins,	1 "	Benoni Stebbins,	1 "
Gamaliel Terrill,	1 "	James Prime,	1 "
Samuel Camp,	1 "	Enoch Buck,	1 "
Abraham Bostwick,	1 "	Thomas Pickett,	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
John Bostwick,	1 "	William Gaylord,	1 "
Samuel Hitchcock,	1 "	Samuel Brownson,	1 "
David Noble,	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Thomas Brownson,	1 "
Paul Welch,	1 "	—	
			19 acres.

Afterwards the following were added :

"Jan. 15, 1723-4

John Bostwick, Sen.,	1 acre.	Benjamin Bostwick,	1 acre.
Samuel Prindle, Sen.,	1 "	Nathaniel Bostwick,	1 "
Mr. Daniel Boardman,	1 "	—	
			24 acres.

Twelve acres of this land was surveyed to him, Jan. 28, 1724-5, "near Town Hill brook on the northeast side of said brook," and the next year he bought ten acres adjoining these twelve; and from that time he continued to buy small pieces of two, four, and ten acres, and finally as high as one-fourth of a Right, until he became a large land-holder, and a very influential citizen. He was appointed to office in the military company and soon rose to be a lieutenant, and was always known as Lieutenant Hine. He came here with but little if any money, like many

others in those times, but by indefatigable perseverance and care, he soon became an independent man, and his descendants stood among the first-class citizens for many years. He it was that won the heart of Miss Margaret Noble, daughter of the first settler, and married her in 1726, when she was twenty-two years of age ; who lived to the age of 92 years, dying Sept. 2, 1796, and to whom the Rev. Stanley Griswold was so much indebted for much of the information given in his historical sermon. Two lives compassed the whole history of New Milford up to 1876, having twenty years cotemporary, within a short distance of each other's residence. Miss Sally Northrop, who died in 1876, over 100 years of age, was twenty years of age when Mrs. Margaret Hine died, and hence, since both of these persons retained great intellectual activity, the traditional stories and legends, as well as important history of New Milford, have been kept in very reliable forms. Such a transmission by personal knowledge and memory to so great an extent of time, may rarely occur ; and the town that gathers such laurels or wins such golden harvests of years and self-knowledge may well boast of its honors. Lieut. James Hine the blacksmith, the much-honored lieutenant, was brother to the first Daniel Hine, and died Apr. 1, 1774, æ 77, at his residence which stood where Mr. Egbert Marsh now resides.

William Conn was in the town a resident as early as 1720, but no land was laid to him, although he or his descendants were in the town some years.

Nathan Terrill, of Milford, had a home-lot and ten acres laid to him in 1720, at what is now Park Lane, and was of New Milford when he married Ruth Buck of this town, June 7, 1721. In 1717 his father, John Terrill of Milford, gave him "for love and good-will" his Right of land in New Milford, which he, the father, had purchased of the heirs of Amos Northrop, and on this Right was laid his first forty acres "at the foot of Great Bare Hill," and his second forty acres were laid "southward of Great Mount Tom," March 22, 1722. He was one of the proprietors in the north purchase, and therefore had already made his residence here, and he became an influential, successful farmer.

Gamaliel Terrill and Josiah Terrill purchased a Right of land in New Milford of Enos Camp, son of Samuel Camp, Feb.

17, 1719, all the parties being of Milford. The record of their first land, which is like many others, is as follows: "Laid to Josiah and Gamaliel Terrill a home-lot seven and a half acres, butting west upon the highway or town street, south upon Joseph Garnsy's home-lot, north and east upon undivided land, twenty rods wide, sixty rods long. Mar. 3, 1720. At same time a ten-acre division east of the above, twenty rods wide, eighty rods long." This was at Park Lane, east side of the street.

Dea. Job Terrill, from Milford, bought, in 1728, Joseph Guernsey's home-lot and farm at Park Lane; became a deacon in the First Church, and was a prominent citizen many years.

CHAPTER V.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS.



DESIGNATING localities by name became a very important matter in writing deeds so as to secure the object for which deeds were given. When there were no boundaries but the hills, brooks, trees, rocks, and the like, it was important that each should have a definite or particular name, and the words "so called" used so perpetually in the deeds, indicate that it had become a custom to speak of such objects by those names, and that the names had been given by no authority but common use.

The following names are found in the description of lands laid out, either for highways or for individuals.

Aspetuck, an Indian name, meaning a "height," or "high place." It was first used to designate the hill immediately north of New Milford village, Aspetuck hill, on which the "Town Plot" was at first located. It was afterwards applied to the river west of this hill, and both branches of it—Aspetuck River—East Aspetuck and West Aspetuck; and there is a brook called sometimes West branch of the West Aspetuck. It is probable that the Indians applied the name to the whole range of mountains or elevated land between the two branches of the Aspetuck as far north as Waramaug Lake.

Aspetuck-Mill Hill: the hill east of the paper-mill above Wellsville.

Bare Hill: particularly the high elevation of land north of Great Mount Tom. It was so called because denuded of the forests by the Indians. The range of high lands south of Chestnut Land was called Bare Hill, especially near Cross Brook. South Bare Hill also occurs in a record made by Col. Elisha Bostwick; and also First Bare Hill and Second Bare Hill occur.

Boiling Place and Boiling Place Lots: the valley east, and joining to, the New Milford Cemetery.

Bound Hill: at the northeast corner of the old New Milford township.

Butter Brook: that which comes down from the east, on the south side of Mr. Henry Booth's dwelling. Reuben Booth constructed a water-wheel on this brook with which to do the churning, which worked successfully until the churn was upset, when the butter flowed down stream beautifully, and hence the name, Butter Brook.

Candlewood Mountain: west of the Housatonic and south of Stilson Hill, or the old Straits Mountain.

Carman Hill: the height of land between Still River and Wood Creek, in the southern part of New Milford. It was called first, Wood Creek Hill, and afterwards Beers Hill.

Chestnut Land: the elevated ridge of land east of Great Mount Tom; particularly from Cross Brook northward.

Chicken Hill: a more recent name, applied to the locality of the school-house in the southeast part of New Milford village.

Clabboard Oak Brook: running southwest through Bridgewater township.

Clatter Valley: that where the Town Farm now is.

Cobble Rock: see Rock Cobble.

Conetia: The locality where the Fair Ground is now situated. Hence the name, "Conetia Park." It is said that a good citizen in reading the scriptures at a social meeting in that neighborhood, a long time ago, when he came to the name Cornelius, called it "Conetia," and from that time the place has borne that name. In a deed in 1789 it is said "in a place called Conetia."

Cranberry Pond: located a little way north or northeast of Bridgewater village, the pond having nearly disappeared.

Cranberry Pond Brook: leading from Cranberry Pond to Clabboard Oak Brook.

Cross Brook: that which affords the supply of water for the village of New Milford.

Dibble's Meadow: the plain immediately below Gallows Hill, and so called from a Mr. Dibble who cultivated land there before a permanent settlement was made in New Milford.

Dry Brook: probably that originally flowing through what

has been known for many years as Squash Hollow, but it may have been further south.

Falls: see Great Falls.

Falls Mountain: the mountain through which the Housatonic passes, by the gorge, just below the Great Falls.

Fishing Falls: the Great Falls.

Fort Hill: that where the Indian burying place is, at the foot of Guarding Mountain.

Four Mile Brook: on the west side of Still River, about four miles below New Milford village.

Gallows Hill: an elevation of gravel and sand, on Still River plains, nearly four miles below New Milford village, on the eastern side of which is located the Gallows Hill burying-place. Tradition says a man was hung on this hill some time before New Milford began to be settled,—perhaps it was the old Indian that committed such murders at Stamford.

Goose Pond: a little north of, and near Round Hill.

Goose Island.

Goodyear's Island: is in the Housatonic River just below Falls Mountain, and was so named about 1646, from the fact that Mr. Stephen Goodyear, one of the leading merchants of the New Haven company, erected here a "trading house" for the purposes of trade with the Indians.

Grassy Hill: also called Second Hill, lying next east of Town Hill, and is two miles east of New Milford village.

Great Brook: runs from Chestnut Hill southward through the east part of New Milford village.

Great Falls, are now located a few rods above the gorge at Falls Mountain. These are now apparently further up stream than when the channel was dug on the west side of them about ninety years ago for a mill. These were the celebrated Fishing Falls, where Lamprey eels were taken so abundantly by the Indians.

Great Mountain, is a large hill on the west side of Wood Creek, in the southwest corner of New Milford township.

Great Bare Hill: said to be the highest elevation of land in the town, lies north of Great Mount Tom; is extensive in area, and covered on the eastern and southern portions with a productive soil.

Great River: the Housatonic, and is always called Great River, before 1800, on the N. M. records. The name Housatonic originated at or near Stockbridge, Mass., where it was first interpreted by the Dutch of N. Y. state, and written Wustenhuck.

Great Mount Tom: usually called Mount Tom, lies in full view, and is the first mountain north from New Milford village. It is said that, upon careful measurement, it rises to the height of about 900 feet above the meadow land on the east side of it.

Green Pond, is a pond on Green mountain.

Green Pond Mountain, is one of the range of mountains on the west side of Wood Creek and Rocky River.

Guarding Mountain, is on the west side of the Housatonic, opposite New Milford village. It was so named from the fact of the Indians building signal fires on it to guard against an attack by the Mohawk Indians.

Half-way Falls, was the original name for the falls on Still River, where the Iron Works were erected in 1733,—now in Brookfield.

Horse-beat. This was the path traveled on horseback, by the Soldier Scouts watching for the Canada Indians, in 1718 and 1724, under the command of Capt. Stephen Noble. The place referred to particularly was where the scouts crossed the southern declivity of Great Mount Tom.

Housatonic: (see Great River, and the close of the chapter of Indian History for New Milford).

Hundred Hills: apparently a locality near Roxbury line, somewhere.

Hut Hill: the hill two miles south of Bridgewater village.

Iron Hill: southwest of and joined to Bare Hill.

Iron Ore Road. "A highway from the Iron Ore Road south of Ebenezer Pickett's—runs east across Tamarack meadow to the other road." This was in Merryall.

Iron Works. These were established first at the Halfway Falls on Still River; the second company located at New Preston; the third at what was afterwards Lanesville; the fourth in Lower Merryall, called Davenport's, and the fifth called first, Nicholson's, and next Booth's Iron Works, in the southern part of Lower Merryall, at "Booth's Mill."

Long Brook, as given by Roger Sherman, in a survey of land,

is that which comes down from Kent between Cobble Rock and Peet Hill, emptying into the West Aspetuck, and is sometimes called the west branch of the West Aspetuck. There was also a Long Brook on the plains east of Wood Creek hill.

Long Mountain: the range of high land on the east side of the Housatonic, close to the river extending from Kent to the Housatonic river, above New Milford village; and is a continuation of the Vermont Green Mountain range.

Little Bare Hill: probably the one also called Iron Hill.

Little Falls: the falls half a mile below New Milford village, where the Giddings Grist-mill now stands, but which mill was known for fifty or more years as the Stilson Grist-mill, and before that the Ruggles Grist-mill.

Little Mount Tom. The first of this name was near the first homestead of Henry Garlick; northeast of the old Dea. Nathan Gaylord place. At present, and for many years,—a spur at the northeast of and adjoining Great Mount Tom, is, and has been called Little Mount Tom; the contour of which from the northeast is perfectly like Great Mount Tom.

Little Straits Hill:—see Straits Mountain.

Mary Land. Originally, the name was applied to the Rev. Daniel Boardman's farm at Boardman's Bridge, on the east side of the river. Mr. Boardman held a slave who was brought from the state of Maryland, and the slave gave the name to the place.

Middle Wolf-Pitt: probably on the east side of Long Mountain, south of the notch.

Millstone Hill: the hill continuing south from Guarding Mountain; so called, because Partridge Thatcher cut out from its granite bed some millstones.

Mine Hill: east of Second hill, extending into Roxbury, where considerable mining for silver has been done.

Mount Tom:—see Great Mount Tom.

Mount Tom Meadow:—the swampy land that was divided into meadow lots in the early division of land, on the east side of Mount Tom.

Mud Pond: near Kent at the north end of Long Mountain.

Naromiyocknowhusunkatankshunk Brook, rises in Sherman,

runs north, and enters the Housatonic a little distance below Gaylordsville. It was called Deep brook in one deed.

Notch. The Notch on Long Mountain, or a low place in the mountain, where the road passes over the mountain and down to the Great river.

Old Iron Oak Road.

Ore Hill.

Pect Hill: the large hill northeast of Cobble Rock;—so named from the Pect family who have owned much of it for one hundred and thirty years.

Pinchgut Plain: the bottom, or meadow land below Lanesville.

Pine Hill: east of Second Hill, north of Cranberry Pond.

Plank Swamp: the muck land at Park Lane, called at first Poplar Swamp.

Pond Rocks.

Poplar Swamp: the first one so named was about a mile and a half north of New Milford village,—afterwards called Plank Swamp, then Pug Lane, and more recently Park Lane. The second one by this name was west, or northwest of the mouth of Rocky River, where several divisions of land were laid to Nathan Talcott. The third of this name was on the plain below Lanesville.

Prospect Hill, “in Still River Neck, near Newtown line.” It has been applied more recently to the hill east of New Milford village, which, however, was without question, called Town Hill, more than 100 years. It would be a pity to rob the grand old hill of its historic name.

Punkin Hill: the hill east and southeast of Lanesville Railroad station.

Rock Cobble: a high spur-like mountain between the north end of Long Mountain and Peet Hill.

Rocky Hill.

Rocky River: Wood Creek for two miles before it empties into the Housatonic River.

Rock House Brook: perhaps, Long Brook near Rock Cobble.

Rock House Cobble: the hill now called Rock Cobble. It is said that there was, many years ago, an old house at the foot of this hill, the lower part of which was built of coarse stone, and from this may have arisen the name Rock House Cobble. It is

said a Doctor Warner, who was a sort of a hermit, resided in this house, and that by some personal peculiarities he was called Old Fifty-Crooks.

Saw Mill Falls.

Sand-hill Bridge: a bridge east of Park Lane school-house.

Second Hill: Grassy Hill,—Good Hill, or the ridge of land next east of the original Town Hill, extending from near Cross Brook to Bridgewater line.

Shaft Brook: on Pinchgut Plain.

Shepaug Neck: the territory now comprised in the town of Bridgewater; called more commonly The Neck. This part of the town was for a time known as the "Sheep Pasture" of New Milford, because so many sheep were raised there. This name was afterwards used as a kind of reproach, whereupon the Bridgewater people came to a New Milford town fair with a team of fifty yoke of oxen, with the motto on their wagon,—“From the Sheep Pasture of New Milford.” The team took the premium.

Sherman Brook.

Squash Hollow: a little way down from the Straits, on the west side of the Housatonic, where a band of Tories secreted themselves for a time during the Revolution, and from which they were driven by a band of men of the Gaylord family.

South Bare Hill: “A highway up the South Bare Hill, north or south of Cross Brook.”

Staddle Hill: east of Second Hill on the Woodbury road.

Steep Hill, is on the old Woodbury road.

Still River: that which comes down the valley from Danbury, and empties just above the Great Falls; so called because there is in it so little current.

Still River Meadow: along Still River south of Lanesville.

Still River Neck: the land between the Iron Works on Still River and the Housatonic River.

Stilson Hill: the hill north of Candlewood mountain, or the southern portion of what was originally called Straits mountain.

Straits Mountain: the height of land on the west side of the Housatonic, beginning at the Straits, a little way below Gaylordsville, and running in a southern direction. A part of this mountain was called Little Straits Hill.

Tamarack Swamp: on the east side of Long Mountain, in

the valley a little to the northwest of the Lower Merryall Burying-place.

Tamarack Meadow: near the Tamarack Swamp.

The Cove,—the wide place in the Housatonic, just below Falls mountain; called also the Fishing-place.

The Plain: the wide tract of bottom land on the west side of the Housatonic, south of the Indian field.

The Straits: the place where the mountains come close to the Housatonic on each side, about a mile below Gaylordsville.

Straits Rock, is the same as the above.

Thousand Hills: used in a deed given of land lying north or northeast of Northville.

Three Mile Brook: on the west side of the Housatonic, about three miles below New Milford village, next south of Lanesville.

Town Hill: the hill immediately east of New Milford village; so named at the first settlement, and it should be retained instead of any other.

Town Hill Brook: running southward between Town Hill and Second Hill.

Town Hill Falls: in Town Hill Brook.

Two Mile Brook: on the west side of the Housatonic, about two miles below New Milford village.

Wannuppee Island: a small island in the Housatonic river a little way above New Milford village. It is an Indian name signifying "overflowed" or "subject to overflow."

Warvecoe's Brook: in the southern part of Bridgewater, with two branches running southward.

Weraunmaug's Mountain: in a deed by Roger Sherman, the mountain west of the brook that comes between the hills, a little way east of Upper Merryall Burying-place, down to Lower Merryall.

Weraunmaug's Meadow, in the valley at Lower Merryall, near Mr. Horace Merwin's.

Weraunmaug Lake: commonly called Waramaug Lake; called in the deed of the North Purchase, Wonkkecomaug.

Whemisink Brook: enters the Housatonic at the upper part of Gaylordsville, from the west or southwest.

Womenshenuck River: runs southwest, and empties into the Housatonic at Gaylordsville.

Wood Creek: a brook coming from the town of Sherman on the east side of Great Mountain and Green Mountain into Rocky River.

Wood Creek Hill: the hill between Wood Creek Meadows and Pinchgut Plain.

Wood Creek Meadows: a large tract of swampy land on Wood Creek; to drain which considerable aid from the state has been obtained and expended, in lowering the bed of Rocky River.

Wood Creek Mountain: probably the southern part of Wood Creek Hill.

Wolf-pit Mountain: a mountain a little way east of Falls mountain, upon which there was once a wolf-pit.

Wolf-pit Brook: passes the old Israel Baldwin homestead a mile south of Northville.

Various Descriptions of the Town.

In a book called "*A General History of Connecticut*," published in London, in 1781, by the Rev. Samuel Peters, the following description is given of this town: "New Milford lies on the Osootonic river. A church and meeting, with Steeples and bells, beautify the town, which resembles Fulham.¹ The township, twelve miles square, forms five parishes, of which two are episcopal."

The account of this town written by Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D.D., in 1818, is of interest:

"New Milford, which is the second town in the county of Litchfield, and was the chief seat of the Indian kingdom, in that part of the colony, also merits a more particular description than was given of it in the first volume.² Upon the petition of the people of Milford, in May, 1702, the General Assembly granted them liberty to purchase a township at Wyantenock, and directed them to make a report of their doings to the Assembly. The next March they made an extensive purchase of the natives. In October, 1704, the legislature enacted, that the tract purchased

¹ Fulham, in England.

² Trumbull, II. 82.

of the natives in May, 1702, by the people of Milford, should be a township, by the name of New Milford ; and that it should be settled in five years,—the town plot to be fixed by a committee appointed by the Assembly. The town is situated on both sides of the Housatonick, or Stratford river. The river enters it at the northwest corner, and running a meandering course of about twenty miles, goes out at the southeast corner. The longest straight line of the town, from northwest to southeast, is about eighteen miles. Its original limits were much more extensive than its present boundaries. Two considerable defalcations have been made from the original township ; one at the south end, west of the river which forms a part of the town of Brookfield ; and another at the northeast corner, which is now a part of the town of Washington, comprising a large part of the society of New Preston. About two miles below the center of the town, is a fall in the river, which the Indians called Metichawon ; the English, the Great Falls. These stopped the progress of the large fish, and made it formerly one of the best fishing-places for shad and herring in the colony.

“This township was the principal seat of the Indians in the county of Litchfield. The seat of the chief sachem was near the Great Falls. His name was Wehononaug, a man of uncommon powers of mind, sober and regular in his life, who took much pains to suppress the vices of the Indians. When the English were first acquainted with him he was supposed to command about two hundred warriors. The whole number of Indians might have been one thousand. The other clans of Indians in the country, at Pomparague (Woodbury), Bantom (Litchfield), Piscatacook (Kent), Weatauge (Salisbury), and the adjacent parts, were supposed to be in the strictest league of friendship with the Indians of Wyantenock, otherwise Oweantinoque. The palace of their chief sachem, where he commonly resided, was near the Great Falls. The tradition is, that it was constructed of barks, with the smooth side inwards, on which were pictures of all known species of beasts, birds, fishes, and insects ; drawn by an artist sent to him by a friendly prince, from a great distance.”

Mr. John W. Barber, in his *Historical Collections* of this State, written in 1836, gives the following description of this town :³

"New Milford, the largest town in territorial extent in Connecticut, is in the southwestern extremity of the county. . . . It has an average length of thirteen miles, and an average breadth of six and a half miles, comprising an area of eighty-four square miles. The township is hilly and broken ; several mountainous ridges extending through it. 'The soil is much diversified, and, where susceptible of cultivation, is generally good ; but on the whole more distinguished for grain than grass. There are, however, large quantities of excellent meadow ground, but the pasturage is, on the whole, not abundant. It is essentially a farming town. Large quantities of grain are annually raised. The township is centrally intersected by the Housatonic ; two branches of the Aspetuck, the Rocky and Still rivers, with other streams, enter the Housatonic in this town, affording numerous excellent mill-seats. On Second hill, in the eastern part of the town, from two to three miles from the central village, are inexhaustible quantities of granite of a superior quality. There are also a number of extensive marble quarries in the town. Hatting business is carried on to some extent in Bridgewater society. There are nine houses of worship in the town, two Congregational, two Episcopalian, two Baptist, two Methodist, and one for Friends, or Quakers.'"

The above description was largely written by Judge David S. Boardman, at the request of Mr. Barber. Mr. Boardman made further observations on the Indians and Waraumaug, which Mr. Barber placed in a foot-note :

"He was so considerable a personage as to have reserved, as his hunting-ground, a considerable part of the present society of New Preston, which always, until the recent incorporation of the town of Washington, of which it is a part, was called *Rau-maug*, after the original proprietor, dropping, for convenience, sake, the prefix *wæ*. I have often seen the grave of this chief in the Indian burying-ground, at no great distance from his place of residence ; distinguished, however, only by its more ample dimensions from the surrounding graves, out of many of which large trees are now growing. There is a similar burying-

³ Hist. Coll., 474.

ground on the west side of the river, opposite to and in sight of our village (New Milford), on the bluff, bounding the Indian field, so called, and contiguous to Fort Hill, the site of the last Indian fortress known to have existed in this town."

In the *Gazetteer* of Connecticut and Rhode Island, published in 1819, there is a more specific description of the town at that date than is anywhere else to be found.

"New Milford is a large and flourishing post-town, in the southwestern extremity of the county, 48 miles from Hartford. . . . It has an average length of 13 miles, and an average breadth of six and a half miles, . . . being one of the largest townships in the State. There are three bridges across the Housatonic, and numerous sites for mills and other hydraulic works, within this town. . . .

"This township is hilly and broken, several mountainous ridges extending through it. These ridges consist of granite and micaceous schistus; the former is generally found upon the tops or summits, and the latter upon their declivities. Quarries of the mica slate have been opened and worked, which make excellent hearth-stones. The vales in some sections of the town abound with limestone, and within these calcareous districts there are several valuable beds of marble, several quarries of which have been opened, and large quantities of the stone dislodged and raised, which are manufactured into slabs for use and market, for which purpose there have been six saw-mills erected for sawing marble.

"Among the minerals of the town are iron ore in small quantities, porcelain clay, yellow ochre, and some silver ore; a mine containing small quantities of this last was formerly worked, but has long since been abandoned. There are forges for the manufacture of iron, but the ore is principally brought from without the town.

"This town contains two located Congregational societies, two societies of Episcopalians, one of Baptists, and one of Quakers; all of which are accommodated with houses of public worship.

"It contains also a pleasant and flourishing village, situated upon a plain bordering upon the Ousatonick. The village has 60 dwelling-houses, many of which are large, neat, and handsome

buildings, a post-office, several mercantile stores and mechanic shops.

"In this, as well as the other towns in the county, agriculture is the leading and principal business of the inhabitants. The lands are a sandy and gravelly loam, and some of them a calcareous loam, are in general fertile and productive, affording wheat, rye, corn, oats, and flax. The making of butter and cheese, beef and pork, and the growing of wool, receive considerable attention.

"The New Preston turnpike-road passes through this town.

"In addition to the domestic manufactures, and those of marble and iron, already mentioned, there are one woolen factory, one hat factory, four grain mills, four carding-machines, six fulling-mills, and four tanneries. There are seven mercantile stores. The population of the town, in 1810, was 3,537, and there are now about 500 qualified electors, about 250 militia, and 540 dwelling-houses.

"The amount of taxable property, including polls, is \$74,857.

"The valuation or assessment, under the laws of the United States, in 1816, was \$1,113,012, being an average value of 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars per acre, for the whole quantity included in the valuation, which was 41,630 acres.

"In 1799, the real estate of this town, together with Roxbury, was valued at \$776,146.

"There are in this town sixteen school districts and schools, four practicing physicians, three clergymen, and three attorneys."

The Common Field.

At first, in 1715, the Common Field contained all the land on the plain from Wannuppee Island down nearly to Four-mile Brook, on the west side of the Housatonic, and was secured by building a fence from the fording place, just below the mouth of Rocky River, along the foot of the mountains, on the west side of the plain, to the southern end of the field, then across the valley to the Great Falls,—the river constituting the fence on the east side of the field. The next year a fence was built, on the east side of the river, from the Great Falls, "on the front of the lots"; that is, on the west side of the road as it now runs from the Falls to New Milford village, then along the west side of Main street, to what is now Bennitt street, and then down to the river; but about

a year later it was continued from Bennitt street up the Aspetuck hill to about the north side of the old Stebbins place, thence west to the fording place. This fence was proportioned, to be built and maintained by the individuals who owned land within the field, and those persons comprised nearly all the settlers in the town. A part of the old fence-ditch is still to be seen in the woods half a mile north of Mr. Charles Hatch's dwelling-house.

The land on the east side of the Housatonic, still called the Long Lot, was so called as early as 1729, and was owned largely by the Bostwick families.

The Meadow Lands.

In the time of the early settlement of the town all meadow land was secured by clearing marshy or swampy land and allowing it to grow up with grass by the seed already in the soil. The sowing of seed to secure grass was almost unknown, and impracticable for the want of grass-seed. It was one of the great troubles in the Colony, to secure grass, and hence the General Court, early in its history, enacted that a certain amount of time should be devoted yearly, in the several plantations, to the cutting of under or small brush and trees in the more open forests, by every inhabitant, with a few exceptions, for the purpose of allowing grass to grow in such places, since the cattle roamed through the forests about every plantation, subsisting in the summer on what grew in the forests.

Three divisions or allotments of land for meadow were made in New Milford, independent of the other divisions of land. The arrangement being agreed to by the proprietors, the numbers were placed in a hat or box; the names were then called according to the list as it stood at first recorded on the proprietors' book. Beginning at the head of the list, the names were called in regular succession, and as a name was called, a number was taken from the box and placed to the name called, and they continued thus until the end of the list was reached. The committee to draw the numbers for the three draughts were the same; viz., Daniel Boardman, Zachariah Ferris, and Stephen Noble.

Col. Elisha Bostwick, town clerk more than fifty years, copied

all the draughts, and the allotments of each survey according to these draughts; the headings to each draught he wrote as follows:

"A Record of the meadow lands appertaining to the Original Proprietary rights in the Township of New Milford, copied from the original manuscripts."

"New Milford June 8, 1719.

A draught for the first division of Meadow-lands; containing the Marshes, and Three-mile brook and Still river:—The draught follows according to the proprietors names in the List."

"New Milford June 8, 1719.

A Draught for the Second division of Meadow land called Wood-creek—the draughts according to the proprietors names in the List."

"New Milford June 8, 1719.

A Draught of the third division of Meadow land containing the Great river and both branches of the Aspetuck. The draught follows according to the proprietors names in the List."

In the third division, when the survey was made, it is said: "Beginning at the Straits."

The following will illustrate some of the intricacies of keeping the records of so many small pieces of land divided to the same Right, but often to various individuals:

"The 1st lot [first division] is 3 acres and 66 rods—it is on a small brook that runneth into the Indian field. Recorded to Thomas Baldwin;—drawn to the Right of Lieut. Samuel Burwell."

"The 103d lot is south of the Long brook, butted on the brook and on the hill and on the river; be it more or less. Drawn to the Right of Samuel Camp, Lanes-end. Recorded to Mr. Daniel Boardman and Jonathan Griswold."

A large number of lots contained only three or four acres; some of them went as high as seven acres. Quite many of the lots on the east side of Still river consisted of a piece of land eight rods wide and about twenty rods long.

In the second allotment, which was in Wood Creek, "beginning at the north end of the creek," were eighty rods in length and three rods in width. In many cases the dimensions in acres

are not given, and frequently where the width is given in rods the length is not given, so that a full description to the present understanding is impossible.

After the above division of meadow lots, another meadow was made on the east side of Great Mount Tom, and one also on the west side of the same mountain, in the valley ; and still later, another at Tamarack swamp.

CHAPTER VI.

A MEETING-HOUSE AND THE NORTH PURCHASE.

1716—1731.



ENTERING upon the building of a meeting-house was a much easier matter for the few families in New Milford than the completing of the work; but to them such a work was right,—a religious duty, and must be done.

The house in which their meetings were first held, called Mr. Read's house, was probably built of logs, one story high, and had but one window, and was not very commodious nor an ornamental place of worship. It was in this house, most likely, that Mr. Daniel Boardman was ordained pastor of all the inhabitants of the town, who numbered about 125 persons.

It stood in the highway a little north of the site of the old Town house at the north end of the present public green.

The following is the second petition presented to the General Assembly by the New Milford people, and in it is the first mention made as to the building of a meeting-house.

The first movement towards providing funds for building a meeting-house is indicated in the following petition:

To ye Honor^{bl} Gen^l Assembly now convened att Hartford this instant May, 1712.

The humble petition of ye Inhabitants of New Milford sheweth: That whereas, wee formerly made our application to this Honor^{ed} Court for advise and help in order to ye setting up the worship of God publickly amongst us: the w^h ye s^d Court was pleased readily to grant—for ye w^h favor we humbly acknowledge with great thankfulness; And upon those experiences of y^r right readiness to grant o^r request, wee are againe encouraged at this time further to make o^r request:—

1. That wee may have libberty to Levy a Rate at any time when ye Mony is due, altho' ye yeare bee not expired.—

2. That wee may increase ye Rate (upon ye Land) as afore granted y^t it may bee, to twelve shillings upon each share—especially considering y^t wee are now very like speedily to bee employed in building an house for ye Minist^r, and probably in prepa-

ration for a Meeting-house—We pray y^t all o^r necessary charge in building a Minister house and meeting house may bee rayseed upon ye Land; Wee apprehend it hath bin granted to other new beging places wth great acceptance: Wee Finde y^t ye seven shillings is too little therefore Request as above s^d:

To all w^h wee humbly subscribe and shall allways pray as in duty bound.

New Millford
May 15th 1712.

John Bostwick	beniamin bostwick
John Noble, Sen ^r	tho weller
Zacrey faris	John Noble Juny ^r
Sam ^{ll} brunson	John Boswick Jun ^r
roger brunson	Sam ^{ll} Prindle
John weller	Roberd Bostwick

Mr. John Read resided in the place but a short time, leaving before 1712. His house, or the house he left, was repaired in 1717; the vote says that there should be "glass provided to furnish the window in the house we meet in upon the Sabbath," and in it they continued to worship until the first meeting-house was so far completed as to meet in it. The first vote to build a meeting-house was passed in 1716, but the work was not actually commenced until in 1719.

The plan and particulars of this house were decided in town-meeting as follows:

"Feb. 23, 1719. At a town meeting legally warned the inhabitants being convened, it was voted in the affirmative, that there should be a meeting-house built of forty feet in length, and thirty in breadth, and twenty in height between joints, with other suitable proportions.

"Voted that the meeting-house shall be set in the highway in the most convenient place between the house that is called Mr. John Read's, and that which is called Caleb Mallery's house.

"It was agreed that there should be ten thousand of eighteen-inch shingles, being three-quarters of an inch thick at the lower end, and otherwise suitably proportioned and of such a breadth as may run five inches one with another; and after that there shall be two thousand and five hundred of good clapboards of white oak, four feet and four inches in length, and six inches in breadth, and not less than half an inch thick well and even dressed, gotten for the use aforesaid, that is in order to rearing a meeting-house.

"Agreed that these clapboards and shingles shall be got and brought to the place by the middle of June next, and that every man shall forfeit twelve pence a hundred for their neglect, and after that, six pence a month upon every hundred that they shall be negligent in performing of their work.

"Agreed that these clapboards and shingles shall be gotten upon the present list by every man according to his list.

"There shall be allowed two pound ten shillings a thousand for clapboards gotten and brought to the place, and then fitted to be laid, and twenty-five shillings a thousand for shingles got and brought to the place and fitted to be laid.

"There was chosen for a Committee to cull the clapboards and shingles, John Bostwick and Samuel Brownson, 'who are faithfully to do it.'

"There was chosen for a committee to make a rate upon this work above mentioned, by the present list, and to warn every man to do his work; Roger Brownson, David Griswold, John Welch.

"Agreed that Jonathan Buck shall be excused from this rate towards the meeting-house, which is to be made upon the present list."

The strictness observed in culling the clapboards and shingles by a committee charged "faithfully to do it," directs the mind to the ancient method of selecting sacrifices upon the rule that there should be not a spot or blemish to mar the perfectness of the offering. The resolution to make progress in the work, by imposing fines upon those failing to fulfill their parts, was commendable; but the hindrances in a new wilderness plantation were more than anticipated, for it was the middle of the next December before further steps could be taken in the work. At which time, "Dec. 17, 1719, Zachariah Ferris, Roger Brownson, and William Gaylord, were chosen to agree with a carpenter to get the timber for the meeting-house, and this committee shall see that the timber shall be drawn to the place agreed upon for setting it up."

The next work was to pay for this timber. The clapboards and shingles were to be setured the year previous by a tax on the town list to be paid in those articles; but it seems they could not pay for the timber with shingles, and therefore something else must be had. "Jan. 8, 1720. Agreed that there shall be a rate raised of five and twenty pounds, between this and the middle of February next, for defraying the charge of getting and drawing the meeting-house timber; and Stephen Noble was chosen collector of this rate.

The following petition reveals most clearly the circumstances and condition of the town at the time:

"To the Honourable, the Govenour and Company of His Majesties Colony of Connecticut, In New England, In Generall court assembled, In Hartford: May: 14: 1719:

The Humble Petition, of the Inhabitants of ye Town of New Milford, within ye s^d Colony humbly sheweth—

That this Honourable corporation did Grant a Petition In May 1716: to the Inhabitants of ye s^d Town of New Milford, that a tax of ten shillings should be Leaved on each proprietor of New Milford not Settled theire, which tax ware to continue three years from that time, for the support of the Ministry for N. Milford. 3 shil., of ye 10 was appoint'd to be Improved for ye building of a meeting-house. These three years being now expired: And we having allready attended ye direction that your

Honours Gave us In the Returne of that Petition : which was that we for the future should agree with them, and if not, then it should be as this Court should further order, as was expressed In the Returne of the former petition.

This Honourable court may be Informed, that we have taken dew care and used Indeavours to agree with them, having twice written and lastly sent a man to them, and have been Insuccessfull in those means, in that we can't come to any meet agreement with them, for the future.

Whereupon youre Honoures Humble Petitioners pray that according to your former Incouragement : and your wonted zeale for Justice and piety that you would be moved to pittie our Needy condition :

upon these three considerations : namely : that there are but twenty-three families here settled at N. Milford : and the most of those low in the world. 2ly that it will amount to something considerable above ten pence upon ye pound upon our rateable estate, to defray the charge of our minister who is settled and hath a family.

3. that Necessity puts us to build a meeting-house, which we have begun this Spring.

Considering that we are so slow in groath, and the Great burden that is upon us : and moreover that its troublesome to this Assembly, to have a multitude of these prayers and also chargeable to us.

Hereupon we humbly pray that each proprietor not settled at s^d N. Milford, may be obliged, to pay at least Seaven shillings annually for each Right not settled untill theire be the Number of fifty five families settled at s^d N. Milford, all of which for ye support and maintenance of ye minister theire, (theire being an hundred and four Rights in ye whole) this is our most humble prayer, or that your Honours will any other way provid for ye support of ye worship of God among us, all tenders of agreement proving Ineffectual your Honoures humble petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

N. Milford, May 4th, 1719.

Samuell Brownson, }
Stephen Noble, } Selectmen."
John Bostwick. }

The twenty-three families were those of the following persons :

Capt. Stephen Nobl	Paul Welch,
John Noble, Jr.,	Thomas Pickett,
John Bostwick, Sen.,	William Gaylord,
John Bostwick, Jr.,	John Welch,
Benjamin Bostwick,	Samuel Camp,
Zechariah Ferriss,	James Prime,
Samuel Brownson,	Samuel Adkins,
Roger Brownson,	Jonathan Buck,
Samuel Prindle,	Enoch Buck,
Samuel Hitchcock,	Theophilus Baldwin,
Benoni Stebbins,	Jonathan Buck.
Benjamin Bunnell,	

A number of families besides these had settled in the town, but had died or removed.

Eleven months later another stage of progress was entered upon, which must have given a more visible assurance that a meeting-house would be realized in a future day.

"Dec. 7, 1720. There was chosen Samuel Brownson, William Gaylord, Roger Brownson, Zachariah Ferris, and John Bostwick, Jr., a committee to manage the prudentials of the town in setting up the meeting house, and to see it covered and closed, and the doors set up at the town charge, and to levy a rate for defraying the said charge, and this committee to be paid by the town for their trouble; and Benjamin Bunnell was chosen collector of the meeting house rate."

After this action, nine months passed before further action could be reached, and then we learn with surprise: "Sept. 21, 1721, David Noble was chosen collector for the shingles and clapboards for the meeting house and to see that the rate be paid forthwith." More than two years and a half passed after the first vote to secure these articles for covering the building, with considerable tax as a fine for failure to fulfill, but they were still wanting, and the pressure was so heavy for money that they sent another petition to the Legislature for a still further release from paying "country rates" for six years, which request was partially granted.

At the October session, 1721, the selectmen petitioned "that for six or seven years the town be released from the country tax because—they are a very small society and so the minister's rate is great; they are building a meeting house and have paid two rates thereto—the last one exceeding eight pence upon ye pound and the first one not much short, and yet the building not more than half accomplished; and they are but about sixteen hundred pounds in the list; and that they had realized all they expected from the tax on non-resident proprietors—because Mr. Samuel Clark, merchant, of Milford, who was made collector of that tax, was not empowered to collect it, and they ask that power may be given him to that end."

May 6, 1723, they again ask that these non-resident proprietors may be compelled to help them—to support the minister and go on with the meeting-house.

Three regular rate-bills were made each year, besides any for the meeting-house:—one for town expenses, one for the minister, and one for the support of the school; but they kept on in a direct line of forward movement, even though but little was accomplished in a whole year.

"Dec. 11, 1721. The town agreed that the former committee are empowered to get and lay a floor in the meeting house, and do empower said committee to raise a rate for defraying charges, and Benjamin Bunnell is chosen collector for the meeting house rate."

It has been reported that this meeting-house was built in the year 1720, but on Dec. 7th of that year the frame was not yet raised, and on the 21st of Sept., 1721, the frame appears to have been standing, but the shingles and clapboards were not yet collected. This work was probably accomplished within three months after, at the end of which (Dec. 11, 1721) they voted to put in a floor. In this state the house may have been used during the spring and summer of 1722, until another effort was made, as follows: "Oct. 8, 1722. It was agreed that the walls of the meeting house should be walled up to the girths now before winter; that the walls shall be filled in by nailing lath upon the studs and then filling in with timber and mortar, and that the floor shall be jointed and drove up." But this work went over until September, 1723, nearly a year, when another committee was appointed "to provide lime and lath to do the walls of the meeting house and to plaster the walls of the house and to lay the floor; and lay a rate upon the list of estates in the town for defraying the charges of the work"; which work seems to have been completed soon after. After this another year passed, and then they appointed a committee "to provide timber for the finishing of the meeting house," which "finishing" is explained, Jan. 14, 1726, when they are directed to "get timber for seating the meeting house, and that they should go on with their work according to their former instructions."

But nearly every step of progress in completing the house drove them to call on the Assembly for aid. In Oct., 1727, they asked that their country rate might be applied to aid their school and help finish their meeting-house, and it was granted for two years. And again in May, 1730, they asked that the country rate might be used in finishing the meeting-house, and it was granted.

From 1726 forward, for nearly three years, this house was probably used as a place of worship, without any furnishings

except temporary seats of boards, or something of the kind, as indicated by the following record:

"July 11, 1729. It was agreed to leave the form of placing the pulpit and the seats in the lower part of the meeting house to the committee that shall be chosen, and to the workman which shall be improved to do the work.

"Capt. Stephen Noble, Samuel Canfield, Sergt. Benjamin Bunnell, Joseph Ferriss, and Sergt. John Welch were chosen a committee for the above said work and what further instructions shall be given to said committee.

"The town did empower the above committee to hire a workman to erect the pulpit and the seats in the meeting house and also to raise a rate to defray that part of the charge that shall be wanting when the money raised by the country rate which was ordered to the use aforesaid shall be laid out."

This work they hoped would be soon completed, to the great joy of the people, for in view of the occupancy of the seats by the older people and their separation from the young people, according to the custom of that day, they passed at this same time the following vote:

"July 11, 1729. Ebenezer Baldwin and Thomas Oviatt, sen. were chosen tithing men from this time till the town meeting in December to oversee the youth in the meeting house in the time of exercise, that is the males. At the same meeting James Hine was chosen to oversee the female sex in the time of exercise."

Still there was delay as though this house could never be finished, for in the next December they voted that "there should be seats made on both sides of the broad alley in the meeting-house," and also that there should be timber provided for making the gallery and the stairs at the doors, and the stairs to be made as soon as may be; and Mr. Zachariah Ferris, Benjamin Bostwick, and Dea. James Prime were chosen for gathering the timber for said work, and to raise a rate for defraying the charge of the above said work."

At the same meeting "it was voted that there should be a committee chosen to seat the meeting-house, who shall seat persons according to age, dignity, and estate; that all persons above the age of fifty-five years shall be seated according to their age, dignity and list of estate, and Capt. Stephen Noble, Sergt. The-

ophilus Baldwin, Roger Brownson, Sergt. John Welch, and Samuel Canfield were chosen to seat the meeting-house according to the directions above mentioned, and that it shall be done by the list of this present year.

“Voted that the pew next the pulpit stairs is the highest in dignity, and the second pew and the four long seats to be equal in dignity.

“Voted that some other women shall be seated with Mrs. Boardman according to the dignity of their place.

“Voted that there shall be a drum beat for a sign to go to meeting by.”

“April 30, 1730. Voted that a prayer be sent to the General Assembly to try if we cannot obtain that our country rate may be granted that it may be laid out for the furnishing of our meeting-house and defraying the charge of the school.”

“Dec. 7, 1730. Voted that they will have the galleries finished by this time twelve months, and the work to be done according to the platform that the committee, with the workman that does the work shall agree upon; and that Nathaniel Bostwick, Theophilus Baldwin, and Joseph Ferris were chosen to get the timber for the finishing the galleries, and that they are authorized to raise a rate and agree with a workman to finish the galleries with what can be spared out of the rate called the country rate.”

On Dec. 13, 1731, there was a vote that “if there be any money wanting to the finishing the meeting-house, to take it out of the town treasury, and if there be any overplus to return to the town treasury,” and that Capt. Stephen Noble should audit the account, and hence the probability that the meeting-house was completed, after a struggle of fifteen years from the first vote to raise money for this object, and twelve years after the work was commenced.

But at once new troubles are experienced; particularly to secure the prompt attendance of the people upon the services at the meeting-house, and to seat them in a dignified order in the house. To secure the first they appointed a strong committee to purchase a new drum, hire a drummer to beat the drum “upon the Sabbath and other times of public worship, to notify the people of the time of going to meeting,” and to sweep and

shut up the meeting-house. But the second object was much more difficult in its attainment, yet they, like brave men, made an effort after the following manner :

"Dec. 13, 1731. Voted that the meeting-house shall be seated, —and to go back to the list which was made for getting the timber for the finishing the inside work,—the pulpit and the like ; also all persons that are upward of fifty years of age shall be allowed two pound per year for their age ; also no man shall have but one head in his list. Dignity is also allowed in the said business. The highest seat in the meeting-house is the pew next the pulpit ; the second, is the forward seat in the body of seats ; the third, is the hinder pew [the second pew on the side of the pulpit] ; the fourth is the second seat on the square body ; the fifth is the forward seat in the front gallery ; the sixth is the third seat in the square body ; the seventh is the forward seat in the side gallery ; the eighth is the fourth seat in the square body ; the ninth is the fifth seat in the square body. Also allowed there shall be seven in a seat—in both pews and also in the square body. Also it is agreed that the Committee are to have respect to each man's list in seating him. Capt. Stephen Noble, Lieut. John Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Sergt. John Welch, Mr. Roger Brownson, Sen., are the Committee for the said business, and that the seating of the meeting-house shall be completed by the first of January next ensuing." But before that time came they had called another meeting and "voted that the former secam for seating our meeting-house is void and of none effect, and that there shall be another secam laid for said work. Voted that all the men above fifty years of age shall be seated in the seat they now sit in, and that Thomas Oviatt, Sen., shall sit in the second seat in the body of said house ; that all men in this town that bear lists shall be first seated, and then all that are sixteen years of age and upwards, shall be seated according to their age ; that the widows shall keep their seats ; that Mr. Samuel Brownson's wife shall keep her seat, and Dea. Prime's wife shall sit in the middle pew.

"Voted that there shall be but one head to each list ; and that there shall be eight men seated in each pew and in each seat in the square body."

In the above statement that, "Dignity is also allowed in said

business," may be seen the principle of respect paid to persons of different stations and circumstances among the early settlers. The first rule of difference was that persons of all rank and class should show respect to aged people, rich or poor,—whoever they might be; and hence, such persons were seated at the side of the pulpit. The next class, which was really the first class of conferred honor, was that of the ministers and the officers of the Colonial Courts; to whom was always applied the abbreviation, "Mr." Following this class came the officers of the military organizations in their gradations, from field officers to the captain of the company, and from him down; there being, at first, no other civil officers except constables. After some years the office of justice of the peace, honored with the title of "Esquire," took the place of local members of the General Court.

The consideration of property came into the account when two persons of the same grade were considered; that is, when two captains were to be seated, the one having the highest list took the precedence, and the same with unofficial persons, as farmers (called "yeomen"), weavers, and all mechanics; the one with the largest list came first. The meaning of "one head in the list," was that if a father stood eighty pounds on the list, he alone could be seated on that amount, but none of his children; his wife being in the same rank, but in another pew; yet in some churches, in later times, the husband and wife sat in the same pew.

It may be remembered that in the early days of the New Haven and Connecticut Colonies, the dignifying the meeting-house and seating the people by certain grades of wealth was unknown, and that the practice became common only after slavery became an established institution.

It will also be seen that there was no call for tithing-men until the children and young people were separated from their parents during service in the meeting-house.

The law requiring the appointment of tithing-men was passed in 1721. In the early days of New England it was customary, however, to appoint an officer to keep persons from sleeping during the delivery of the sermon. In the memoir of the Rev. Samuel Whiting of Lynn, Massachusetts, the following is given

as an extract from "Obadiah Turner's Journal," one of Mr. Whiting's parishioners:

"June ye 3^d, 1646. Allen Briges hath bin chose to wake ye sleepers in meeting. And being mch proude of his place, must needs have a fox-tail fixed to ye end of a long staff wherewith he may brush ye faces of them yt will have napps in time of discourse; likewise a sharpe thorne wherewith he may prick such as be most sounde. On ye last Lord his day, as hee strutted about ye meeting house, hee did spy Mr. Tomlins sleeping with much comfort, hys head kept steadie by being in ye corner, and hys hand grasping ye rail. And soe spying, Allen did quickly thrust his staff behind Dame Ballard and give him a grievous prick upon ye hand. Whereupon Mr. Tomlins did spring up mch above ye floore, and with terrible force strike hys hand against ye wall, and also, to ye great wonder of all prophainlie exclaim in a loud voice, 'cuss ye woodchuck,' he dreaming, as it seemed, yt a woodchuck had seized and bit his hand. But on coming to know where hee was and ye great scandall hee had committed, he seemed much abashed, but did not speak. And I think hee will not soon again go to sleepe in meeting. Ye women may sometimes sleep and none know it, by reason of their enormous bonnets. Mr. Whiting doth pleasantly say yt from ye pulpit hee doth seem to be preaching to stacks of straw with men sitting here and there among them."

It is well sometimes to catch a flying thought, and therefore the following is an extract from the journal of another of the same Mr. Whiting's parishioners:

"Ponder more on ye godlie discourse of Mr. Whiting touching sanctification, and kerry him a load of wood." "Strong drink is a cuss, Also tobacco."

The following extracts are given as completing the history of the first meeting-house:

Dec. 13, 1731. A committee was chosen to make up accounts with the meeting-house committee. and "if there be any money wanting to the finishing of the meeting-house, to take it out of the town treasury; and if there be any overplus to be returned into the town treasury, and Capt. Stephen Noble and Mr. Roger Brownson are chosen auditors for the said business."

"April 11, 1743. Voted that a committee be chosen to take out a part of the women's seats in the meeting-house and appoint said place for some of the men, and that Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick, Mr. Ebenezer Fisk, and Mr. William Drinkwater, be a committee for said work."

First Sabbath Day House.

"Dec. 10, 1745. Pursuant to a grant made by the town of New Milford, Dec. 9, 1745, unto the farmers of said town, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, have set out unto Zerubabel Canfield, Japheth Collins, and Pitman Benedict, a certain piece of land to set a house thereon, whereunto they may resort on the Sabbath day, lying north of the meeting-house on the side of the hill adjoining to Sperrie's land, that is eighteen feet in length, running from said Sperrie's land westward, and twelve feet in breadth."

After the organization of the Quaker interest, there was a con-

troversy begun as to the land given to the first society, and hence the following action of the town meeting.

"Dec. 9, 1734. At a Proprietors meeting held in New Milford by adjournment respecting the meeting-house in said place, which was erected by these commonly called Presbyterians or Dissentors for their worship of God in contradistinction to those commonly called the Church of England or Prellacy or any other sectary whatsoever, we Presbyterians, those distinguished, do now by our unanimous votes, dedicate, bequeath, and declare, that the meeting-house above mentioned with a conveniency of ground about it, shall be held for the Presbyterian worship and no other. *Nomine contradicte.*"

New Milford North Purchase.

The first record to be found concerning the New Milford North Purchase, was made on June 12, 1722, in which the inhabitants agreed to certain rules for dividing the land providing they could make the purchase; and appointed Samuel Brownson, William Gaylord, and Stephen Noble, as the committee to buy the land. This purchase was not to be made of the Indians, for the Windsor Company had done that two years before; but of the towns of Hartford and Windsor, to whom it had been previously conveyed by the Assembly. Ten days later they made the following provisions: "At a meeting of the inhabitants, it was agreed by signing our names that we will proceed to purchase one mile and a half across the north end of New Milford bounds, eastward of the Great river from the river to the eastward side of the bounds, butting eastward upon that land which is set out to Weramaug, north upon land purchased by the committees of Hartford and Windsor, west upon the Great river called Stratford river, south upon New Milford bounds. We agree that none shall have a share or interest in said land but those only who pay the purchase money within two months after this date. It is to be understood that none shall be purchasers but those who were comprised in the former vote at a town meeting held June 12, 1722, wherein we did agree that every man of twenty-one years of age might be a purchaser, and those that had a son under age to purchase for one son and no more. It is to be understood that there is part of this money to be paid forthwith; and John Welch is chosen collector, to receive and pay such moneys as is agreed to be raised, to purchase the northward land from our town."

The names attached to this agreement are the same that are found in the division of the land, only with two additions, or two persons who did not finally become proprietors. The deed was dated the next day; and in the next October, a vote was passed in town meeting to request the General Assembly to annex the purchase to New Milford as a part of said town; but this was not done for some cause or other until in May, 1741, when it was accomplished through a memorial, and the energy of Mr. Samuel Canfield as the agent.

Deed of the North Purchase.

"To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come: William Whiting, Thomas Seymour, and James Ensigne, all of Hartford, Samuel Rockwell, and Samuel Allyn of Windsor, in the county of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut, committee and agents for said towns, send greeting:—that whereas the said towns did obtane a grant in the year 1686 from the governor and company of his majestie's English Colony of Connecticut for all the lands on the north of Woodbury and Matatuck, and on the west of Farmington and Simsbury, to the Massachusetts line north, and to run west to Ousotanuck or Stratford River, and also have purchased all the lands contained within said bounds of the natives as will appear by their deeds on record, now know ye that we the said William Whiting, Thomas Seymour, and James Ensigne, committee agents for the town of Hartford, Samuel Rockwell, and Samuel Allyn, committee agents for the town of Windsor, in consideration of the sum of thirty pounds in hand paid or secured to be paid by Samuel Brownson, William Gaylor, and Stephen Noble, committee agents for the inhabitants of the town of New Milford, in the county of New Haven and Colony aforesaid, but especially for the benefit and encouragement of the said town; have remised, released, and forever quitclaimed and by these presents do fully, freely, and absolutely from themselves and in behalf of the rest of the inhabitants, proprietors of the towns of Hartford and Windsor aforesaid remise, release and forever quit-claim unto the said Samuel Brownson, William Gaylord, and Stephen Noble, committee agents as aforesaid for themselves and in behalf of their associates now inhabitants in the said town in such proportion as they shall hereafter agree in their full and peaceable possession and seizin, and to their heirs and assigns forever, all such right and estate, title, interest, and demand whatsoever, as the said towns of Hartford and Windsor had or ought to have, of, in or to, a certain tract of land situate and lying north of the bounds of New Milford aforesaid, and is butted and bounded as followeth, viz. : west on the Great River one mile and one half of a mile in breadth, from thence to run a parallel line with the north bounds of New Milford aforesaid unto the land sequestered for the use of Weraumaug, lying eastward of said Great River, butting north on the land belonging to the towns of Hartford and Windsor, east on the land set out to said Weraumaug, south on the bounds of the said town, and west on the Great River; to have and to hold the said tract of land with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said Samuel Brownson, William Gaylor, and Stephen Noble, committee, agents as aforesaid, for themselves and the rest of the inhabitants now dwelling in the town of New Milford aforesaid, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, so that we the said William Whi-

ting, Thomas Seymour, James Ensigne, Samuel Rockwell, and Samuel Allyn, committee, agents as aforesaid, nor any of the inhabitants, proprietors of the towns of Hartford and Windsor aforesaid, nor their heirs, nor successors, nor any other person or persons, for them or in their names or stead, shall or will by any way or means hereafter have claim, challenge or demand, any estate title or interest of in or to the premises, or any part or parcel thereof; but they and every of them shall be utterly excluded and barred forever by these presents; and also the said Whiting, Seymour, Rockwell, and Allyn, committee as aforesaid,¹ the said parcel of land with the appurtenances, to the said Brownson, Gaylor, and Noble, committee, agents as aforesaid, and to the present inhabitants of the said New Milford, and to their proper use and behoof, in manner and form afore specified against the heirs and successors of the said towns of Hartford and Windsor aforesaid, and every of them shall warrant and defend forever by these presents, in witness whereof the said William Whiting, Thomas Seymour, James Ensigne, Samuel Rockwell, Samuel Allyn, committee's agents of aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the twenty-third day of June in the 8th year of the reign of King George, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, 1722.

Memorandum. It is to be understood that there is included in this deed one hundred acres lying upon West Asputuck River, for which we have signt a quit claim yesterday unto William Gaylor and is excepted in this deed.

William Whiting,
Thomas Seymour,
James Ensigne,
Samuel Rockwell,
Samuel Allyn."

This tract of land was not purchased by the town of New Milford, but by certain individuals associated together for this purpose; the number being sixty-four, and the name of each, with the number of the lot laid to him, may be seen in the following list :

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| " 1 Benoni Stebbins, | 17 Samuel Brownson, |
| 2 Theophilus Baldwin, | 18 Stephen Noble, |
| 3 Ebenezer Pickett, | 19 Joseph Bostwick, Sen., |
| 4 William Gaylord, | 20 William Corns, |
| 5 John Weller, Jr., | 21 Paul Welch, |
| 6 James Prime, | 22 Benjamin Gaylord, |
| 7 Roger Brownson, Jr., | 23 David Noble, |
| 8 Samuel Prindle, Jr., | 24 Joseph Buck, |
| 9 Zachariah Ferriss, | 25 John Hitchcock, |
| 10 Nathan Bostwick, | 26 Enoch Buck, |
| 11 Samuel Camp, | 27 Benjamin Bunnell, Sen., |
| 12 Ebenezer Baldwin, Jr., | 28 Gamaliel Terrill, |
| 13 John Bostwick, Sen., | 29 Robert Bostwick, |
| 14 Robert Bostwick, Jr., | 30 Ebenezer Bostwick, |
| 15 Ebenezer Buck, | 31 Mr. Nathan Terrill, |
| 16 Thomas Brownson, | 32 Daniel Boardman, |

¹ This deed is here deficient.

33 Jonathan Hitchcock,	49 George Corns,
34 Jonathan Noble,	50 Jonathan Buck,
35 Thomas Weller,	51 John Noble, 3 ^d ,
36 Lemuel Bostwick,	52 John Noble, 2 ^d ,
37 John Bostwick, 2 ^d ,	53 Roger Brownson,
38 William Prime,	54 Ebenezer Washborn,
39 Samuel Adkins,	55 Benjamin Bunnell, 2 ^d ,
40 Joseph Bostwick, 2 ^d ,	56 Samuel Hitchcock, 2 ^d ,
41 Samuel Hitchcock,	57 Daniel Noble,
42 John Welch, Sen.,	58 Benjamin Bostwick,
43 John Bostwick, 3 rd ,	59 John Weller, Sen.,
44 John Ferriss,	60 Nathaniel Bostwick,
45 Samuel Prindle,	61 Henry Garlick,
46 Obadiah Weller,	62 James Camp,
47 Abraham Bostwick,	63 Thomas Picket,
48 Ebenezer Baldwin, Sen.,	64 John Welch, 2 ^d .

"These sixty-four lots, lying in that land called New Milford North Purchase, were laid out in April Anno Dom. 1731, by Stephen Noble, Roger Brownson, William Gaylord, and John Welch, who were committee chosen by the proprietors to do the work of laying out the said land."

After the purchase was made and the deed received in 1722, but little was done in regard to it until it was surveyed four years afterwards, except the sale of a few Rights or shares by individuals.

The record of the survey of this tract of land (not the laying of it into lots), is stated by the surveyor himself :

"I the subscriber hereunto have, being assisted with chain bearers sworn according to law, surveyed and laid out the above land in manner as hereafter expressed, beginning at the northeast corner bounds of said New Milford township, and from thence run due north one mile and a half where we made a monument, it being a white oak tree marked with stones laid to it, and from thence we run a due west line, or a line parallel to the north line of said New Milford township to the Housatonack River; and then returning to the monument above mentioned and run due east till we came as we supposed to the line of Weramaugs reserved land, in which line we have marked many trees and erected many monuments, the last being [a] white oak tree standing in said Weramaugs line being marked and stones laid to it; and from thence a strait line to the above said northeast corner bounds of said New Milford township. The above said work was completed August 1st, 1726, by me Edward Lewis, county surveyor."

From this time until the laying out of the lots in 1731, quite a number of Rights or shares were sold, so that at the recording of the lay-out the original owner's name is given, and also in a number of cases the name of the one who then owned the Right, with a few exceptions, in which the later owner's name was not known. In May, 1731, application was made to the

General Assembly for a "Patent," which was executed, bearing the date of May 29, 1731, and contained no descriptive explanations above those of the surveyor Edward Lewis except the statement, "esteemed to be about six miles and a half long, and one mile and a half wide."

The method of dividing the territory of New Milford to its one hundred and nine owners—each one selecting the location of his division of ten, twenty or forty acres wherever he pleased in undivided land,—had proved so unsatisfactory, that the proprietors of the North Purchase resolved to avoid such confusion, and therefore determined to lay out each man's proportion in one piece, and proceeding upon the rule that "the lands should be sized, or an allowance made for rock and hills, laid them into two tier of lots running east and west the whole length of the purchase, thirty-two lots in each tier." They previously laid the highways,—one highway near the middle of the purchase, running east and west between the two tiers as nearly as might be, one on the south side of the tract, one on the east end of the tract, and twelve others in various parts of the territory. The first one was ten rods wide, the others, nearly all of them, were four rods wide, running mostly north and south between the lots, or as nearly so as the hills and swamps would allow.

Besides the vote "that each proprietor shall have his part in one entire piece," they voted that "the lots shall run but half way through the tract, or thus one lot on the north side and the other on the south side," but when they had finished the survey there was land left, and in 1747, they made a Second division giving each proprietor another lot. These latter lots consisted of pieces left, in all shapes and forms, at the first survey; and in a certain portion of the tract lying east of the first twenty-sixth lot there was arranged a tier of lots—the lots being twenty-two rods long and seven wide, the tier running north and south.

In order that there should be no selecting of lots, and hence no complaint, they decided to draw lots, and in the execution of this method sixty-four numbers were placed in a hat or box, then a proprietor went to the box and took out a number, and that number was placed to his name on the proprietor's record where it now stands:—the first name being Zachariah Ferriss, who drew lot number nine; John Ferriss, the next name, drew lot

number forty-four. In this manner, probably, each secured the lot which was afterwards laid out to him. The committee began at the west end of the north tier, and went eastward to Wauramaug's Reservation and then back on the south tier.

The east and west highways were laid very crooked, and would seem by the reading to have been almost useless, if they had been made as surveyed.

It was in the surveying of this land in 1726, by the county surveyor, probably, that the party sat down by a stream to eat their dinner, and having the usual compliment of "fire water," became very merry; from which fact arose the local name "Merryall," which was afterwards divided into Upper and Lower Merryall.

The deed to Benjamin Fairweather is introduced here in part, because of the number of peculiar historical statements in it, and because New Milford men were largely interested in it; for it was under this deed that William Gaylord held the exempted land in the North Purchase.

Benjamin Fairweather's Deed.

"We, Weramaug of Oweantunuck and Nepato of Knunckpacooke,² Indian proprietors of the land that lies along Stratford Great River, northerly from New Milford; for and in consideration of the sum of twenty-nine pounds in money to us in hand paid by Benjamin Fairweather, do sell a certain tract of land bounded beginning by the said River side over against which there is a brook comes into the river on the west side and it runs along the river beforesaid as the said river runs, the said breadth of one full mile from the River side for about five and twenty or thirty miles by estimation, till it extends so far as to comprise and take in the whole of mast swamp, so called, that lies on said river, being about two and a half miles beyond the deep brook that runs into said swamp, where at the mouth of a little river on the north side of a red-ash tree, there is a heap of stones and marked with the letters B. F. N. L. R. G. W., and runs something to the eastward of the north to the top of a great tree with stones laid to it, and marked with letters as before; the which tract of land together with the island that is in the river against the said mast swamp, bounded northerly and easterly with our own land, westerly on the Great River, and southerly with New Milford.

June 19, 1716.

Witnesses.

William Gaylord,
Stephen Noble,
Jacob's mark,
Tanhook's mark,
Mauhehu's mark,
Simon's mark,
Jonathan Hall,
Jonathan Stiles mark.

WERAMAUG's mark.
NEPATOR's mark.

² A locality on the river in Kent, or a little above.

The deed of Cockshure is also given for historical reasons, as the last deed of the Indians to New Milford people.

Cockshure's Deed.

"New Milford, April 4, 1739—Stephen Hawley's deed recorded.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, greeting; know ye that I Cockshure, Indian of an Indian plantation within the township of Woodbury in the county of Fairfield and colony of Connecticut in New England; for, and in consideration of a valuable sum of money in hand received, do by these presents for myself and heirs, unto Stephen Hawley of Newtown in ye county aforesaid, and to the sole use and behoof of ye proprietors of New Milford in the county of New Haven, and colony aforesaid and to their successors forever, demise, release, and forever quit claim my claim, right, title, and interest in and unto a certain tract parcel of land within the township of New Milford aforesaid, being the whole of that plain intervale or River land be it more or less lying and adjoining upon the east side of the Great River, so called and bounding northward upon ye brook called Wawwecous, southwardly upon Woodbury line, and eastward upon the top of the mountain: To them and their successors ye above demised premises with all manner of its appurtenances as their own proper estate of inheritance in fee simple. To have, hold, occupy, and enjoy forever.

In witness whereof I ye said Cockshure, Indian, do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 31st day of July, A. D., 1733.

COCKSHURE, Indian, his mark."

The First Grand List which included New Milford.

In May, 1725, the Assembly ordered "that the towns of Ashford, Hebron, Ridgefield, New Town, and New Milford, shall proceed to take and make a list of all the polls and rateable estate by their listers this present year, as other towns in this colony do."

The town had been released from paying taxes for Colony expenses to this time, and as a consequence was allowed no Representatives in the Assembly. In accordance with the above vote the list was reported the next October, and in order to see how New Milford compared then with the other towns in the Colony the whole list is given.

"A list of the several Towns of this Colony, sent into this Assembly."⁹

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Hartford,	24,784	1	6	New Haven,	31,160	13	1
New London,	17,563	1	0	Fairfield,	27,937	01	1
Haddam West,	5,055	11	6	Haddam East,	8,596	2	1
Norwalk,	15,412	0	7	Stratford,	22,207	1	2
Colchester,	10,618	2	0	Saybrook,	12,390	14	0
Wethersfield,	19,364	0	0	Stamford,	15,626	2	6
Middletown,	17,704	5	3	New Milford,	2,739	11	7
Hebron,	5,231	4	0	Groton,	12,577	6	10
Pomfret,	6,375	10	0	Glassenbury,	6,056	6	0
Windham,	8,012	0	6	Farmington,	15,827	15	9
Killingsworth,	6,868	9	9	Coventry,	4,578	1	6
Danbury,	7,271	0	0	Canterbury,	5,721	4	0
Mansfield,	5,166	10	6	Branford,	13,565	15	0
Waterbury,	3,812	6	0	Plainfield,	6,713	14	9
Guilford,	19,921	0	1	Killingly,	5,058	0	0
Simsbury,	7,737	5	6	Greenfield,	10,189	10	0
Lebanon,	12,404	2	0	Preston,	9,847	14	4
Norwich,	22,018	0	6	Derby,	5,310	11	0
Durham,	5,764	0	10	Lyme,	12,264	19	10
Windsor,	19,566	18	0	Stonington,	14,914	17	11
Wallingford,	16,853	16	3	Woodbury,	8,278	6	0
Milford,	22,113	17	10	Add'n Guilford,	841	6	0
				Fourfold ditto.	40	10	0

Prices of Grains.

The prices of grains increased very much from the commencement of the town to 1760, instead of decreasing as more and more was raised.

In December, 1715, it was voted that grains should pass for paying town charges as follows :

Wheat, per bush.,	4s.	Oats, 1s.	4d.
Rye,	2s. 8d.	Flax, per pound,	6d.
Indian Corn,	2s.		
In 1717, Wheat,	4s. 6d.	Flax,	7d.
Corn,	2s. 6d.	Oats, per bush.,	1s. 8d.
Rye,	3s.	Pork, per pound,	2½d.
In 1725, Wheat,	7s.	Corn, per bush.,	3s. 8d.
Rye,	4s. 8d.	Oats,	2s.
In 1732, Wheat,	8s.	Corn,	6s.
Rye,	5s. 6d.	Pork, per bbl.,	£2 4s.

⁹ Col. Rec., VI. 570.

In 1737, Wheat,	12s.	Oats, per bush.,	3s.
Rye,	8s.	Flax, per lb.,	12d.
Corn,	5s.		
In 1744, Wheat,	12s.	Oats, per bush.,	4s.
Rye,	8s.	Flax, per lb.,	2s.
Corn,	7s.		

Before 1760, wheat reached the high mark of twenty-two shillings per bushel.

Ear Marks.

"Marks for cattle and swine.

John Weller, a hole in the right year (ear).

William Gaylor, a hole in the Left year.

John Noble, Sen., a hole in the Left eare and a cut in the bottom of the right ear.

Dan^l. Boardman—his mark is a half-penny on the fore side of the neare eare.

All entered Jan. 29, 1713-14.

Mar. 31, 1719. John Griswold's ear mark for neat cattle, sheep, swine, and horses is a half-penny on the fore side of each ear."

"Elnathan Botchford's ear mark for neat cattle, sheep, and swine, is a half-penny on the under or hinder side of each ear one. Recorde May 21, 1728.

"John Prindle's ear mark for neat cattle, sheep, swine, and horses, is a half-penny upon each side of the off or right ear. Recorded Jan. 20, 1728-9.

"John Weller, Senr's. mark for geese is the hind toe of the off or right foot cut off. Recorded Dec. 14, 1728.

"Joseph Waller's ear mark for neat cattle, sheep, and swine is a w or two swallow tails upon the top of the off or right ear. Recorded Sept. 30, 1730.

"Nathan Terrill's ear mark for neat cattle, sheep, and swine, is a crop in the near or left ear, and two slits right down in the crop. Recorded Dec. 24, 1724."

CHAPTER VII.

THE QUAKERS.

FAITHFULNESS as well as impartiality in history is of great value, and when ascertained is generally appreciated by the upright citizen. When truth is loved because it is *truth*, and not because it is on our side, then is there profit in searching everything under the sun, for the end thereof is life. The most difficult place, as is proved in the experience of the world, to write historically, is upon religious topics, and hence the extreme meagerness of religious historical writings, and their almost universal onesidedness. What writer of such history in all the past can be fully trusted? The want of faithfulness or the exercise of partiality in the history of a small town, might seem to be a trivial matter to the world at large, but for the fact that that world is made up of exceeding small portions when compared with the whole. How frequently the use of a word in a sentence, which otherwise would be impartial, gives the bent of the author's mind, and we read the whole statement with suspicion or satisfaction, according as our prejudices or interests are effected.

An illustration is at hand in the following account of the Friends or Quakers, as given by the Rev. Daniel Boardman, in one sentence, and in two words of that sentence. He says, "Sundry Church Members fell away to Quakerism." If they "fell away" then they went to something lower than that from which they fell, in the opinion of the author, who was, as a whole, a liberal, and for his day, a large-hearted minister.

The following record was made by Rev. Daniel Boardman on the church book without the figures :

"Sundry Church Members fell away to Quakerism in the year 1731 and 1732.

1 Samuel Prindle, Sen., and

2 Dorothy Prindle his wife

3 Sarah Ferriss, wife of Zachariah,

4 Obadiah Weller,

5 John Prindle,

6 Samuel Prindle, Jr.,

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|-----------------------|---|
| 7 Nathan Talcott, | 15 Phebe Beecher, afterwards Phebe Ferriss, |
| 8 Thomas Weller, | 16 Dorothy Prindle, |
| 9 David Ferriss, | 17 Hannah Ferriss, afterwards Hannah Talcott, |
| 10 Benjamin Ferriss, | 18 Hannah Bostwick, afterwards Hannah Weller, |
| 11 Nathan Gaylord, | 19 Daniel Prindle, in 1734." |
| 12 Joseph Weller, | |
| 13 Sarah Prindle, | |
| 14 Elizabeth Prindle, | |

The above is all the record found in the Congregational Church or Society in regard to the Quakers, or the occasion of their separation from the first Church, except the record of the return of some of these persons to the same church, and a resolution passed that any others might return without making confession before the public congregation. These were all members of the families then resident in the town except Nathan Talcott, who had been a member of the first Church since Nov., 1726. There may have been others in the town not members of the first Church, who were Quakers, but of such supposition there has been found no evidence, except as to David Ferriss, who had been away for three or four years at Yale College, and had become a Quaker,¹ nor were there any of that denomination, so far as appears, who had just settled in the town, who might have persuaded these persons to become members of the society of Friends. The whole movement seems to have been a desire for a little more freedom in methods of worship, than had been the custom in Congregational, or what was then called the Presbyterian, Churches in the Colony.

The only information obtained as to this question is found in the Memoir of John Woolman, a native of the west part of New Jersey, born in 1720, who became a Quaker minister, and traveled extensively. In his Journal, printed in 1845, there is a brief account of a visit he made to New Milford, in 1747, as follows :

"Besides going to the settled meeting of Friends, we were at a general meeting at Setawket, chiefly made up of other Societies; we had also a meeting at Oyster Bay, in a dwelling-house, at which were many people; at the former there was not much said by way of testimony, but it was, I believe, a good meeting; at the latter, through the springing up of living waters, it was a day to be thankfully remembered. Having visited the island, we

¹ See his Biography.

went over to the main, taking meetings in our way, to Oblong, Ninepartners, and New Milford. In these back settlements, we met with several people who, through the immediate workings of the spirit of Christ on their minds, were drawn from the vanities of the world to an inward acquaintance with him. They were educated in the way of the Presbyterians. A considerable number of the youth, members of that society, used often to spend their time together in merriment, but some of the principal young men of the company, being visited by the powerful workings of the Spirit of Christ, and thereby led humbly to take up their cross, could no longer join in those vanities. As these stood steadfast to that inward conviction, they were made a blessing to some of their former companions; so that through the power of truth, several were brought into a closer exercise concerning the eternal well-being of their souls. These young people continued for a time to frequent their public worship; and besides that, had meetings of their own; which meetings were awhile allowed by their preacher, who sometimes met with them; but in time their judgment in matters of religion, disagreeing with some of the articles of the Presbyterians, their meetings were disapproved by the society, and such of them as stood firm to their duty, as it was inwardly manifested, had many difficulties to go through. In a while their meetings were dropped; some of them returned to the Presbyterians, and others joined to our religious society. I had conversation with some of the latter, to my help and edification; and believe several of them are acquainted with the nature of that worship, which is performed in spirit and in truth. Amos Powell, a Friend from Long Island, accompanied me through Connecticut, which is chiefly inhabited by Presbyterians, who were generally civil to us."

From this extract it appears that some considerable unusual religious interest arose in the first Church in 1725 and 6; and this indication is strengthened by the fact that during the year 1726, and the first part of 1727, up to April, thirty-six persons united with this Church, a much larger number than during the same extent of time, while Mr. Boardman was pastor, and indeed larger than at any period before 1800. Most of these, as the record shows, were young people, as Mr. Woolman says, and it is very probable that they held young people's meetings, as he

says, although such meetings were very unusual in the customs of the churches of that day, and it is very probable, also, that the older members of the church disapproved of that kind of meetings, and so much so as to cause them to be discontinued. They were probably just such meetings as nearly all Congregational churches would now encourage, and in the continuance of which they would rejoice. The history of the public lives of these persons, as indicated in the records now accessible, is of some interest and may be instructive.

1. *Samuel Prindle, Sen.*, was one of the first twelve settlers in the town, and united with the first church in 1720, and returned to it eight years after he left it. He was a successful farmer, living in the south part of the village. He died Sept. 20, 1750. He had a family of nine children, who married into good families, and were active citizens.

2. *Dorothy Prindle*, wife of Samuel, united with the First Church at the same time with her husband, 1720, and returned to it in 1736.

3. *Sarah Ferriss* was the wife of Zachariah, one of the most prominent men in the town at the time. He was one of the eight men who united with five women in the organization of the First Church; but she did not unite with that church. Although he remained in the Congregational Church, yet his wife and three children having joined the Friends, he favored that organization very materially, and especially by giving them ground for a burying-place, as stated by Rev. Mr. Griswold.

4. *Obadiah Weller*, born in 1699, the son of John, who was one of the first twelve settlers of the plantation, united with the First Church in 1726. He was quite a substantial landholder and citizen.

5. *John Prindle* was the third child of Samuel Prindle, and may have been born in New Milford, but it is not certain. He united with the First Church in 1726, and of him Rev. Daniel Boardman made the following record: "October, 1729. John Prindle a member of y^e church, was suspended from communion by a general voice of y^e church at a meeting of y^e Brethren, for scandalously and schurrilously abusing Daniel Boardman, his pastor." When he became a Quaker, he doubtless changed his previous use of his tongue, for the Quakers were very celebrated

for speaking no harm of any. It was a good place for him to go if he must go from home, but he did not stay with the Quakers, since he is found in the society of the Church of England in 1743. He appears to have been a good farmer and citizen, but not prominent in the town. His residence was on the west side of the plain, south or southwest from the Indian Field, near what was frequently called, in deeds, the "Goose Pond."

6. *Samuel Prindle, Jr.*, brother to John, united with the First Church in November, 1726; was about forty years of age; residing near his brother John on the west side of the plain. He also joined the Episcopal Church organization in 1743, with whom he remained, so far as known, until his decease. He was, apparently, an ordinarily successful farmer, but not prominent in public matters.

7. *Nathan Talcott*, son of Joseph (afterwards Governor of Conn.), came into the town a young man, and united with the First Church in November, 1726; and, being a spirited or enterprising young man, may have been a kind of leader among the young people, and, like the others, had some idea of a little greater freedom of religious worship than was common then in Connecticut, but quite common at the present day; and, therefore, led off to the Quakers as the only resort practicable under the circumstances, and not because he had any particular knowledge of or affinity for that denomination. He afterwards married Hannah Ferriss, who at this same time became a Friend, and who belonged to one of the first families of the place. Nathan Talcott was the son of Joseph, of Hartford, who married the daughter of George Clark, of Milford, and this grandfather Clark gave to Nathan a Right of land in New Milford. The Right was to descend to Nathan, but if he should die before he became twenty-one, then it was to descend to his brother Joseph, and if he should die before he became twenty-one, it was to descend to his brother John. Nathan became the possessor, and died young.

8. *Thomas Weller*, born in 1702, a brother to Obadiah, married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Bostwick. She was of one of the best families of New Milford, as was also her mother of one of the most prominent and substantial Woodbury families, and hence the changing of these young people from the First Church to another denomination made no small sensation

in New Milford and far away into New Jersey ; and therefore the Quaker minister, John Woolman of New Jersey, made his far-away journey into "these back settlements," as he termed them, to see what a wonder was here, that so many young people should become Quakers, or Friends, apparently of their own monitions. This "back settlement" term sounds about the same as the habit of the New York people in calling New Haven citizens "country people" at the present day. But possibly Mr. Woolman designed to return compliments for the favor done by the Connecticut and New York people in the special attention paid to his state in the phrase "a backwoods Jerseyman."

Thomas Weller, son of John, was not prominent in public matters, although his name frequently occurs in town offices. He united with the First Church in 1726, and appears to have been a prominent citizen, although not a leading one.

9. *David Ferriss*, son of Zachariah, born in 1707, united with the First Church in 1726, when nineteen years of age. It was near his dwelling that the first Quaker meeting-house was erected, on the plain in what is now the ground of the old cemetery, on the west side of the Housatonic, about half a mile below the old toll-bridge. His father deeded the homestead to him in the village in 1748, and in 1752 he, David, was residing in Newcastle, State of Delaware, with his brother Zachariah Ferriss. He became a Quaker preacher after some years. (See Biog.)

10. *Benjamin Ferriss*, son of Zachariah, born in 1708, married Phebe Beecher of Milford, in 1728. She may have been sister to Eleazer Beecher, who settled in what was then denominated the north part of the town of New Milford. He united with the First Church in November, 1726, with seventeen others at the same time ; nine of them were young men. In 1741, when residing in Dutchess County, N. Y., in deeding a piece of land in New Milford, he reserved a certain portion for the Friends' burying-place, where the first Quaker meeting-house was built the same year.

11. *Nathan Gaylord*, son of William, who settled at Gaylordsville, resided on what is still known as the Richmond Place. He united in 1753 with the Strict Congregationalists, in

which church he became a deacon, and continued a well-known and much esteemed citizen.

12. Joseph Weller, youngest son of John Weller, one of the first twelve settlers, was born in 1711, and hence was only twenty years of age; not married, and probably residing with his father on Aspétuck Hill, east side of the street. He owned considerable land, given him by his father. He united with the First Church in 1727, and returned to it in 1736.

13. Sarah Prindle, daughter of Samuel, one of the first twelve settlers, was born in 1707. She united with the First Church in 1726, married Job Gould in June, 1731, and returned to the First Church in 1736.

14. Elizabeth Prindle, daughter of Samuel, sen., and sister of Sarah, was born about 1700; married William Hutchings, who was one of the first twelve in the organization of the Church of England in 1743.

15. Phebe Beecher, said to have been of Milford, and was probably sister to Eleazer, an early settler in the north part of the town; married Benjamin Ferriss, who also had become a Quaker. They removed before 1752 to Dutchess Co., N. Y.

16. Dorothy Prindle, daughter of Samuel, and a twin sister to Sarah Prindle, born in 1707, married not long after, Elnathan Botsford, and this having been the first Quaker wedding recorded as celebrated in New Milford, is here inserted; the record being, however, a little incomplete, because the edge of the leaf of the book is considerably worn away by use during one hundred and fifty years.

Elnathan Botsford, son of Samuel and Hannah Botsford of New Milford, in the county of New Haven and Colony of Connecticut in New England, and Dorothy Prindle, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Prindle of New Milford in the county and Colony aforesaid, having publicly declared their constant intention of taking each other in marriage in several meetings of the people called Quakers in the house of Josiah Quimby at Mamarroneck in ye county of Westchester and province of New York, and enquiry having been made by order of said ——— into both their clearness from all other persons in relation to marriage, and no one appearing to hinder their intended marriage, they also having their parents' consent—therefore the meeting left them to their liberty to accomplish marriage according to the good order of truth amongst the aforesaid people.

These are to certify that upon the eighteenth day of the first month called March, in the year according to Christian account 1733-4, in a meeting of the aforesaid people at the house of Samuel Prindle, in New Milford aforesaid, Elnathan

Botsford and Dorothy Prindle taking each other by the hand, and in said assembly did then and there in solemn manner declare that they took each other for husband and wife, and promised each other that by the Lord's assistance they will be loving husband and wife to each other until they be separated by death.

As for further confirmation of their said marriage and promise to each other in manner and form as above expressed, they have both of them set their hands to these presents ye day and time above mentioned, she assuming her husband's name according to the custom of marriage ; and those whose names are hereunto subscribed being present amongst others at the solemnizing of said marriage, are witnesses to the same.

ELNATHAN BOTSFORD,
her
DOROTHY X BOTSFORD.
mark.

WITNESSES.

Samuel Bowne,
Richard Wallett,
Benjamin Ferriss,
Nathan Talcott,
—— Ferriss,
Nathan Gaylord,
Jonathan Buck,
Joshua Cornwell,
Richard Cornwell,
Samuel Bolls,
Nathan ——,
Jonathan Pierce,

Sarah Gould, her mark,
Abigail Prindle, her mark,
—— Ferris, her mark,
Hannah Gaylord, her mark,
Dorothy Prindle, her mark (the
mother of the bride).
Samuel Prindle,
—— Prindle,
Daniel Prindle,
Abraham Gillett,
Job Goold.

17. *Hannah Ferris*, daughter of Zachariah, born in 1712, married Nathan Talcott, who lived but a few years, and after his death she married Dobson Wheeler, and removed to Oblong, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

18. *Hannah Bostwick*, daughter of Benjamin, who was nephew to the first John Bostwick in New Milford. Her mother was Zeruiah, daughter of Moses Johnson, of Woodbury, a woman of so much reliability that her husband made her sole executrix of his will. Hannah married Thomas Weller, who also became a Quaker.

19. *Daniel Prindle*, son of Samuel, one of the first twelve settlers, born about 1709, was a single man when he became a Quaker, but afterwards married, first, Abigail Oviatt, second, Phebe Fed, and had a family of six children. He was not prominent in the offices of the town, but was a successful farmer. In 1743 he united with the Church of England enterprise that began at that time.

It would be vain to attempt to make the defection of these persons a trivial matter. It was anything but trivial to the Rev. Daniel Boardman, although he could bear it as well as any because of his royal good will towards everybody, but his great desire for the oneness and success of the cause of religion in the church he was laboring to support made the matter a very serious one to him. Besides, a large proportion of these persons had grown up almost from childhood under his pastoral care, and they were to him as children going astray, however good Shepherd care they might find elsewhere. Eight of these persons belonged to the Prindle family, four of them belonged to the Ferriss family, three to the Weller family; one was a Talcott, one a Bostwick, and one a Beecher—all good, substantial citizens.

But the matter did not end at this point of separation; it went on accumulating strength and public influence, while its growth was but the weakening of the first vine planted. The membership of Mr. Boardman's church did not exceed one hundred, and hence one-fifth withdrew. None should be envious at the increase in any truly Christian denomination, but when division threatens the continuance of any regular religious services, it is difficult to hold any view but that of regret. The first society had struggled in a most heroic manner to sustain the preaching of the Gospel, and the minister had supported himself on the smallest possible salary, receiving about one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year, in grain, and flax, and the like; and the parish had just completed the meeting-house, and began to hope for comfortable days, when this new movement and division took place. But the magnanimity and unselfishness of the Congregational people are seen in the following record:

"Dec. 8, 1735, Voted that Nathan Talcott, Nathan Gaylord, Thomas Weller, John Ferriss, John Prindle, Joseph Ferriss, Daniel Prindle, and Samuel Prindle, Jr., shall be freed from paying the minister's rate assessed on them, provided the next General Court will give liberty therefor."

This, when at the same meeting, seeing no other way to maintain their minister, they voted to send a prayer to the General Assembly to try to obtain a tax on the non-resident proprietors for the maintenance of the ministry. If this was not magnani-

mous generosity toward another denomination, and in favor of the highest religious freedom, then the exhibition of these characteristics is seldom, if ever, seen.

In this extract are seen two names not included in the list of nineteen, and these persons, desiring to be freed from paying ministerial tax in connection with the others, must be regarded as having united with the Quakers.

Joseph Ferriss, son of Zachariah, born in 1703, married Hannah Welch, of Milford, in 1725, and had a family of four children. His father, Zachariah, gave him in 1725 five acres lying south of Mallery's land, "bounded west with Town street, south with a highway, and east with a highway, . . . with a dwelling house on said land." This house stood near the present parsonage house of the Congregational society, on Elm street.

John Ferriss, born in New Milford in 1714, a younger brother of Joseph Ferris, was a young man twenty-one years of age, having taxable property. He was the son of Zachariah Ferriss, and he married in 1738 Abigail Tryon, which marriage, being probably the second one celebrated after the Quaker forms, and recorded in full, with many witnesses, is here given as an interesting item of history, the wording of it being varied considerably from the preceding one.

Whereas John Ferris of New Milford in the county of New Haven, son of Zachariah Ferris and Sarah his wife, and Abigail Tryon of New Milford having declared their intention of marriage with each other before the monthly meeting of the people called Quakers at Mamaroneck according to the good order used amongst them, whose proceedings therein, after deliberate consideration thereof, and having consent of parents, and nothing appearing to hinder: These may therefore certify all whom it may concern that for the accomplishing their said intention, this fifteenth day of ye third month in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, the said John Ferriss and Abigail Tryon presented themselves in a public meeting of the said people and others at the house of Joseph Ferris in New Milford and then and there the said John Ferris taking the said Abigail Tryon by the hand and did in a solemn manner declare that he did take her to be his wife, promising to be unto her a true and loving husband till death shall make a separation, and then and there in the same assembly ye said Abigail Tryon did in like manner declare that she did take the said John Ferriss to be her husband, promising to be to him a true and loving wife until death shall separate them; and moreover ye said John Ferris and Abigail Tryon there, according to the custom of marriage, she assuming the name of her husband, as a further consideration thereof did then and there to these presents set their hands, and we whose names are hereunder subscribed being amongst others

at the solemnizing of the said marriage and subscription as above said, have also as witnesses set our hands to these presents.

JOHN FERRISS.

her
ABIGAIL — FERRISS.
mark

Witnesses :

Jane Tryon,	Hannah ^{her} Talcott,
Richard Cornwell,	mark
Nathan Gaylord,	John Prindle,
Peter Thatcher,	Daniel Prindle,
Samuel Bolls,	Ziba Tryon,
Daniel Prindle,	Sarah Ferriss,
Daniel Farrand,	Joseph Ferriss,
her	Benja. Ferriss,
Martha | Prindle,	Zachariah Ferriss,
mark	James Tryon,
Joseph Rodman,	Oliver Tryon,
Thomas Weller,	Nathan Talcott,
Richard Hallet,	her
Joseph Rennels,	Sarah ^{her} Noble,
	mark
	Samuel Prindle.—25.

Several other Quaker weddings are recorded in this same manner, with the witnesses ; one as late as 1822.

This record indicates the relation of the Quaker Church in Mamaroneck, N. Y., to the Quaker movement in New Milford. In the former place this people long held a large, salutary, and commanding influence, some of them becoming celebrated as the opponents of slavery and successful advocates of freedom in its purest forms within the last generation.

In April, 1755, the proprietors

Voted that those of the Quakers in New Milford who are proprietors in the common and undivided land in said New Milford shall have liberty to give land to be laid out in such land as shall be taken off the highways, and shall receive of the money that shall be obtained by the sale of such lands in proportion to their interest in said common land, provided they will give land out of their divisions to lay out in such proportion, or if such Quakers shall choose to have their proportion of such lands set off to them in land toward their respective divisions last granted, they may have the same laid out to them by the committee appointed to lay out said lands according to quality and quantity. Voted in affirmative.

This was a vote, the same in principle as was passed one month previous in regard to "the professors of the Congregational Order and the professors of the Church of England,"

and shows the disposition of the people of that date to treat all denominations alike.

Rev. Mr. Griswold informs us that the Quakers built their first meeting-house about 1741, and afterwards removed it to what is now Lanesville.

In 1762 a piece of land between the Quaker meeting-house and the river was deeded to several persons in behalf of the interests of the Quaker people. The two first persons named are said to be of New Milford, the others of New York Government (Oblong).

Dobson Wheeler,
Gaius Talcott,
Benjamin Ferriss,
David Akins,
Jerry Chase,

Timothy Dakins,
George Soule,
Abraham Wing,
Read Ferriss,
Zebulon Ferriss.

Law against Quaker and other Books.

May, 1668. Whereas by a former order heretical books, viz. : such books or manuscripts as contain the errors of the Quakers, Ranters, Adamites or such like Notorious Heretiques should not be kept, under the penalty expressed in the said law,— This Court orders for the future that all such books when and wheresoever they are found they shall by the Constable be seized and delivered to the Commissioner or Assistant of the town, to be kept by him until the next County Court. And then the said County Court shall take care and full order that all such books as aforesaid be utterly suppressed.

July, 1675. This Court being moved to consider of the law respecting the Quakers, do see cause at present to suspend the penalty for absence from our public assemblies, or imprisonment of those of that persuasion, provided they do not gather into assemblies in this Colony nor make any disturbance.

According to this latter quotation, all the Quaker meetings held in New Milford up to that date had been illegal, but the law was treated as dead.

It has been stated often that the Connecticut people never persecuted for religious opinions, but this is a great error, for the records show that several Quakers were imprisoned and whipped severely under the New Haven Colony in its early history. One such was arrested at Southold, L. I., and sent to New Haven, where he was required to debate with Rev. Mr. Davenport, who after such debate declared that he delivered this Quaker to the secular power for punishment; and Mr. Lambert in the History of Milford declares that the civil power whipped him (the Quaker) severely and banished him from the jurisdic-

tion. One such Quaker when banished settled at "Quaker's Farm," in what is now the town of Oxford, Conn., where he resided several years and then left, but the locality has been called ever since "Quaker's Farm."¹

Inscriptions in the Old Quaker Burying-place.

This ground is located about half a mile below the Town Bridge on the west side of the Housatonic river.¹

The perpendicular marks indicate the end of each line of inscription on the stone.

In memory of | CORNELIUS B BALDWIN | who died Apr 2, 1857 | aged 72 years.	In memory of | MRS ABIGAIL FERRISS | Consort of Mr David | Ferriss who departed | this life Sept 11, 1797 | aged 66 years.
EUNICE | wife of | Cornelius B Baldwin | died Sept 4, 1864 | aged 71 years.	MR DAVID FERRISS | was born Sept 18, 1726 | and deceased July 20, 1800 | in the 74th year of his age. To whose memory this stone is erected.
In | memory of | LEWIS BRONSON | who died | Jan 15, 1856 | æ 4 yrs. Wrapt in the shades of death No more that friendly face I see Empty oh! empty every place Once filled so well by thee.	In | memory of | DANIEL H FERRISS | who died | Apr 2, 1843 | aged 72 years.
LUTHER LEWIS | BRONSON | Died | Nov 17, 1858 | aged 16 yrs 1 mo | & 15 ds.	DAVID | son of | Daniel H & | Annis Fer- riss | died | Jan 2, 1799 | aged 4 mo.
DENNIS BUCKINGHAM | died | March 17, 1862 | æ 37.	EUNICE FERRISS | died | July 28, 1869 | Æ 63.
ELECTA MARSH | wife of | C O Copley | died June 2, 1876 | aged 77.	MR JOSEPH FERRISS | died Feb 14, 1814 | aged 82 years.
JULIA M | wife of | Ansona Eggleston | Died | March 5, 1861.	In | memory of | JOANNA wife of | Joseph Ferriss | who died | Dec 7, 1823 | aged 89 years.
LUTHER | son of Ansona | & Julia M Eg- gleston | Died | Feb 3, 1860 | Æ 4 mos & 7 ds.	In | memory of | JULIA ANN FERRISS | who departed this life | July 13, A D 1817 | aged 16 years.
In | memory of | CAPT | AMASA FERRISS | died April 26, 1811 | in the 51 year | of his age.	In | memory of | PHEBE FERRISS | wife of Zachariah Fer- riss | who died | May 14, 1811 | aged 68 years 4 mo | & 5 days.
In | memory of | ANNA wife of | Joseph Ferriss | who died Oct 15, 1850 | aged 72 years.	RACHEL G | wife of | Constantine | W Ferriss | died | Oct 23, 1854 | æt 43. Mother of Benjamin & Arthur Ferriss.
In | memory of | ANNIS | wife of | Daniel H Ferriss | who died | Feb 19, 1852 | Æ 81 yrs & 8 mo.	In | memory of | MRS REUMAH FERRISS | Consort of Mr Daniel H | Ferriss & the daughter of —Mr John Hull & Mrs Eunice | Hull who departed this life | on the 3d day of Nov. 1793 | in the 29th year of her age | and also of
CONSTANTINE W FERRISS | Born | Nov 19, 1809 | died | July 27, 1879.	HENRY FERRISS son | of Daniel H Fer- riss & Reumah | Ferriss who died Oct 1st, A D | 1794 aged 11 months.
EUNICE | CORDELIA | daughter of | Zachariah & | Hannah Ferriss, died | Oct 10, 1829 | aged 3 years | 8 mo 20 days. The once loved form now cold and dead Each mournful thought employs And nature weeps her comforts fled And withered all her joys.	Not virtue's charms nor innocence can save Nor death's cold arms permit a wish'd return But Youth's fair smiles must find an early grave Tho' Nature shudder and tho' Friendship mourn.

¹ See New Haven Col. Rec. and Hist. of Derby, Conn.

In | memory of |
ZACHARIAH FERRISS | who died | Feby
19, 1804 | aged 65 years.

HANNAH | wife of | Zachariah Ferriss
| died | Aug 1, 1861 | aged 82 yrs 7
mo | & 22 Ds.

ZACHARIAH FERRISS | died Aug 30, 1860
| Aged 82 yrs 1 mo | & 19 Ds.

In | memory of |
NATHANIEL GALUTIA | who died March
6, 1822 | aged 40 years.

POLLY HILL | wife of Silas Hill | died |
Sept 26, 1854 | Aged 63 years.

SILAS HILL | died | Oct 7, 1874 | Aged
85 yrs 5 mos | & 21 days.

The strong must die.

SILAS BYRON | son of Silas & | Polly Hill
| died | June 13, 1860 | Aged 25 yrs 9
mo | & 22 ds.

MOODY HOWES | Died | Nov 19, 1866 |
æ 62 ys & 6 mo.

MASORHAM HOWES | Died | July 9, 1854
| Æ 22 yrs 11 mo | & 15 ds.

My body 'neath the sod now lies
My spirit dwells in yonder skies
Whatever may have been my lot
Since you've been spared to see me die
And 'neath the mouldering grave to lie
One friendly tear I pray you shed
Upon my low and humble bed.

In | memory |
MARANDA E | daughter of | Dr B B & |
Hopestill Hull | who died | Jan 9,
1855 | aged 7 years.

JANE O | wife of | Henry W Mallett |
died | June 11, 1866 | aged 43 yrs.

AMOS H MARSH | died | Oct 1, 1860 |
Æt 75 yrs.

ANN | wife of | Amos H Marsh | died |
Mar 22, 1877 | Æt 90 yrs.

ARTHUR P | son of | Orman B & | Amy
M Marsh | died | Mar 16, 1850 | aged
4 y'rs | & 9 mo.

In memory of |
BETSEY E | widow of | Elihu Marsh 2d |
who died | Oct 23, 1851 | Aged 85.

In | memory of |
BRADLEY MARSH | who died | April 25,
1834 | aged 54 years.

CORNELIA A | wife of | Decater D Marsh
| died | Nov 11, 1866 | Æt 29.

Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep.

In | memory of |
ELIHU MARSH 2D | who died | Dec 1,
1830 | æt 54.

In | memory of |
JOHN MARSH | who died | Mar 31, 1849
| æt 53 yrs 8 mo | & 12 days.

In | memory of |
MIRIAM MARSH | who died Oct 1, 1818 |
aged 65.

ORMAN B MARSH | Died | May 18, 1877
| Æ 74.

In | memory of—
SALLY wife of | Bradley Marsh | &
daughter of Philip | & Elizabeth Wells
| who died | Dec 8, 1827 | Æ 44.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL MARSH | who died | May 14,
1822 | aged 70 years.

SAMUEL D MARSH | died | May 6, 1856
| æt 64.

POLLY | wife of | Samuel D Marsh | died
| May 24, 1863 | Æt 74.

In | memory of |
SUSAN M | daughter of | John & | Ter-
essa Marsh | died Oct 5, 1818 | aged 1
year & 7 months.

In | memory of |
TERESSA MARSH | wife of | John Marsh
| who died | Nov 16, 1831 | Aged 33.

MARIA | wife of | John Marsh | died |
Aug 17, 1868 | Æ 54 yrs 7 mo | & 3 ds.

Two infant | daughters of | Walter & |
Arabella Marsh.

CATHARINE M | daughter of | John & |
Sophia McMahon | died | Nov 9, 1870
| Æ 33.

CORNELIUS MCMAHON | son of | John &
| Sophia McMahon | died | May 11,
1853 | Æ 31 yrs & 4 ds.

ELIZABETH E | daughter of | John & So-
phia | McMahon | died | June 23, 1855
| aged 30 yrs.

JOHN MCMAHON | died | Oct 12, 1853 |
aged 66 yrs.

NETTIE | daughter of | Andrew J & |
Phebe W McMahon | died | July 24,
1872 | Æ 3 weeks.

MARCUS W | son of | John & | Sophia
McMahon | died | Sept 4, 1861 | Æ 20.

CHARLES E | son of | Samuel C & | Julia
M | Millington | died | June 9, 1871 |
æ 11.

BETSEY ANN | MOREHOUSE | wife of |
Minor Morehouse | died | June 20,
1852 | aged 51 yrs | & 8 mo.

ELECTRA MORRHOUSE | died | Feb 6,
1878 | aged 83 yrs.

Well done good and faithful servant.

In | memory of |
JOHN MOREHOUSE | who died | Oct 17,
1828 | aged 66 years.

In | memory of |
LEMUEL MOREHOUSE | who died | Dec
16, 1839 | aged 73.

- LYMAN B MOREHOUSE | Born | Jan 8, 1801 | died | Aug 31, 1871.
In memory of |
- MABLE wife of | John Morehouse | who died | May 25, 1847 | aged 82 yrs.
In memory of |
- MEHETABLE | wife of | Lemuel Morehouse | who died | Sept 21, 1860 | aged 96 yrs 7 mo & 2 ds.
- MORTIMER B | MOREHOUSE | died | May 5, 1849 | aged 24 yrs 7 mo | & 7 ds.
- CAROLINE M | daughter of Edward M & | Polly Ann | Noble died | June 25, 1851 | \AA 1 y'r & | 10 mo.
- CHAUNCY NOBLE | Died | Oct 24 1857 | aged 62 y'rs.
- EDWARD M NOBLE | Died | March 30, 1853 | aged 32.
- SALLY | wife of | Chauncy Noble | Died | Dec 31, 1863 | aged 64 y'rs.
- CLARK A | son of | Stephen & | Mary Osborn | died | May 13, 1857 | \AA 2 yrs & 11 mo.
- MARY | wife of | Stephen Osborn | died | April 23, 1862 | \AA 37.
- OLIVER J OSBORN | died | June 11, 1857 | aged 30.
In the midst of life we are in death.
- WALTER | son of | James & | Caroline Osborn | died | Sept 18, 1854 | \AA 6 mo.
- WATSON D OSBORN | died | July 21, 1875 | Aged 21 yrs | & 11 mos.
The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away.
- CHARLES G PECK | Died | July 2, 1875 | \AA 50.
Be ye also ready for in such an hour | as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.
- In memory of Two | Infant children of | Charles G & | Amelia A Peck | Died | June 9, 1860.
Then why murmur parents with sad discontent
The message received from your bountiful Lord
Remember the beauteous Jewels was lent
Nor bewail the dear gems to its owner restored.
- Mrs | P PECK |
- In memory of | PRISCILLA | wife of Joseph | Peck daughter of Tho | Starr is preserved by | This Monument | She died Nov 20th | 1788 in the 23 year | of her age.
- EILEN S | wife of | Rufus B Pike | Died | March 31, 1869 | \AA 28.
- OLIVER W PICKET | died Feb 18, 1846 | aged 48 years.
- DANIEL A PICKETT | died | Jan 16, 1844 | aged 76 years.
- ANNA PICKETT | wife of | Daniel A Pickett | died March 18, 1812 | aged 42 years.
Erected to the | memory of |
- EPHRAIM PLATT | who departed this life | Sep 26, 1798 in the 50th | year of his age.
Erected | to the memory of |
- HOPESTILL | relict of | Ephraim Platt | who died | Oct 29, 1808, | in the 60th year of her age.
- LUCY | wife of | Jacob B Platt | died | Mar 17, 1852 | \AA 73.
Peace to thy dust affection's lay
Proclaim how well thy worth was known
And tears which friends thy memory pay
Can teach us more than sculptured stone.
- Erected to perpetuate | the Memory of |
- ZALMON PLATT who | departed this life Decr | 12th 1802 in the 24th year | of his age.
- JACOB B PLATT | died | July 16, 1845 | \AA 71.
- SERGEANT HENRY RUBY | of the U S Regular Army | died | Nov 11, 1863 | \AA 27
- ORRIN J RUBY | died | March 20, 1864 | \AA 29.
- JARED WAY, | died | April 6, 1865 | \AA 89.
- MABEL | his wife | died | March 11, 1866 | \AA 88.
- JANE | wife of | Jerome Way | died | Sept 26, 1866 | \AA 49.
- POLLY | wife of | Jerome Way | died | July 26, 1856 | \AA 53 years.
- CHARLOTTE M | daughter of | Hezekiah & | Eunice A Wells | died | Nov 5 1853 | \AA 28.
Died | Sept 10, 1828 |
- EDGAR C son | of Hezekiah & | Eunice A Wells | aged 1 yr & | 6 mo.
- EUNICE ANN | wife of Hezekiah Wells | died | Aug 2, 1846 | \AA 52.
- HEZEKIAH WELLS | died | July 7, 1861 | \AA 82.

Benjamin Bostwick's Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Benjamin Bostwick of ye Town of New Milford in ye county of New Haven and Colony of Connecticut in New England, Being weak and very sick but through the goodness and mercy of God of a sound mind and memory, considering the mortality of

man and that I must shortly put off this mortal body, Do make and ordain this my last will and testament and desire it may be reconed of all as such: and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God through Jesus Christ my glorious Redeemer, and my body I recommend to ye earth to be buried after a decent Christian manner at ye direction of my Executrix hereafter named not doubting but that my soul and body shall be received at ye glorious resurrection of ye Just.

And as touching what worldly goods or estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, all I give bequeath and dispose of in ye following manner: and first of all, my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied by my executrix.

Item. I demise, give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Zeruiah all my house hold linin cloth, also ye one half of ye remainder of personal estate to her and her heirs for ever, also ye improvement of third part of my lands during her natural life.

Item. I demise, give and bequeath unto my very dutiful and well beloved son Benjamin, my dwelling house, barn and all my lands, my real estate, also ye one half of my personal estate except the legacies to my daughters, linin cloth which I have given unto my above said wife, and two guns which may hereafter be given unto my grandsons, to him, to his heirs to have and to hold forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Hannah ten pound money to be paid by my son Benjamin out of what I have given him when he shall be of ye age of twenty-one years.

Item. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Betty ten pounds money to be paid by my son Benjamin when he shall be of ye age of twenty and one years out of what estate that I have given him.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Jerusha eighteen pounds money to be paid by my son Benjamin when [he] shall be of ye age of twenty and one years out of what estate I have given him.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Joseph Canfield my Trumpet musled gun.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Benjamin Benedict my gun that I bought at —.

Item my will is that for and in consideration that I have given unto my son Benjamin aforesaid all my lands that the aforesaid Benjamin shall provide for and maintain my well beloved daughter Jemima with suitable apparel, meat, drink and other necessaries for ye comfort of her life during her natural life.

And I do hereby nominate, appoint and ordain my well beloved wife Zeruiah to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of May anno D. 1739.

Signed, sealed, pronounced, published and delivered by ye above said Benjamin Bostwick to be ye last will and testament in the presence of

his
BENJAMIN BOSTWICK.
mark

ROGER BROWNSON,
EBENR. FISK,
JOHN S. BRADSHAW.

An inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Bostwick of New Milford in New Haven county, deceased, taken June 8, 1739:

WEARING CLOATHS.

	lb.	s.	d.
One Broadcloth Coat & Jacket & one pair of Leather Britches.....	15	05	00
two woolen shirts 15s: a great coat 11b 15s: flannel Coat & Jacket....	5	10	00
two pair of Linen Britches 8s 6d: two old Jackets 11b.....	1	08	06
one pair of Leather Britches 6s: Hat 10s: one pr of shoes 16s.....	1	12	00
two pr. of shoes 18s: stockings 5s.....	1	03	00
one Bed bolster & 2 pillows 51b: one Bed and bolster 41b.....	9	00	00
one Bed 11b 10s: one bolster 10s: four coveredleds 41b 10s.....	6	10	00
one Rugg 21b 10s.....	2	10	00
all ye Household Linnen 131b 13s 06d.....	13	13	06
two woolen Sheets.....	3	00	00
four pounds & a quarter of wosted yarn.....	2	02	06
to 24 Runn of Linnen yarn 21b 8s: one gun 121b.....	14	08	00
one gun 31b 10s: one gun 31b.....	6	10	00
one pound of combed wool 6s: half a pound of Cotton Wool 2s 6d ...	0	8	06
nine pounds & $\frac{1}{2}$ of flannel 61b: two Cushions 12s.....	6	12	00
Woolen yarn 4s: Brass Kettle 121b: one brass Kettle 81b: old brass 3s..	20	07	00
Iron Skillet 14s: Iron Pot 11b 3s.....	1	17	00
Three puter Platters 11b 10s: one bason 12s: one bason 6s: one bason 4s	2	12	00
six plates 15s: old puter 4s 6d: a quart pot 8s: 3 spoons 2s: 7 spoons			
2s 6d.....	1	12	00
5 Doz. & half of puter buttons 5s 6: 2 doz. & $\frac{1}{2}$ of brass buttons 12s 6d	0	18	00
A fine Hatchel 11b 2s 6d: a coarse Hatchel 6s: a Copper pot 2s.....	1	10	06
two glass bottles 3s: 2 pails 7s: Wooden dishes 7s: trenchers ³ 1s 6d..	0	18	06
two pails 3s: four bowls 9s 6d: a stone jugg 15s.....	1	07	06
A great Bible 21b 15s: a Testament 5s: others small books 7s.....	3	10	00
A Peal ⁴ 18s: Tongs 12s: hand Irons 11b 4s: 2 trammels ⁴ 11b 4s: a grid-			
iron 10s.....	4	8	00
A melting Ladle & a hook 5s: lamp 1s: a Box & Heaters 14s.....	1	00	00
six pound of Lead 9s: one pound of Powder 7s: powder horns 3s. ...	0	19	00
Stillyards 15s: a Dutch Wheel 11b 16s: a great Wheel 7s.....	2	18	00
a Chest 11b 4s: a box 12s: old chest 3s: wool combs 11b 10s.....	3	09	00
a great chair 12s: four small chairs 16s: 9 barrills 21b 5s.....	3	13	00
a tin tunnel 3s: three double casks 11b 4s: two small casks 6s.....	1	13	00
meat 151b: a brewing tub 8s: one barrill 3s: a churn 5s.....	15	19	00
three small tubs 6s: a Tunnel 5s: fatt 14s: 2 dishes 2s: bread tray 3s..	1	10	00
A Tub 2s: a meat tub 5s: four bedstids 21b 16s.....	3	03	00
an old half bushel 1s 6d: by 31 pound of wool 61b 4s.....	6	05	06
flax 11b 11s 6d: 3 deerskins 21b 14s: 15 bushels of Wheat meal 61b 15...	11	00	06
Tow 7s 6d: Buck Wheat 11b 10s: meat 31b 3s: Wheat 91b 18s.....	14	18	06
three baggs 5s: four bushels and half of Rye 11b 7s: two meal troughs			
21b	3	12	00
two small troughs 10s: one meal trough 3s: two bus ^{1a} of Indian corn 10s	1	03	00
twelve small tubs 11b 4s: a steel trap 21b 10s: a Table 11b 5s.....	4	19	00
A Reed & Geers 12s: old Reed and Geers 3s: a looking Glass 11b.....	1	15	00
four knives 3s: Joiners tools 21b 10s: Turning tools 13s.....	3	06	00

³ Trenchers were wooden plates.⁴ A peal was a shovel.⁴ A trammel was a crane or iron arm for the fire-place.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

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A hand saw 16s: a small saw 6s: a bow saw 12s: two broad chissils 8s.	2	02	00
two augers 9s: two Hoes 14s: Cart boxes 1lb 13s 4d: Cart Wheels 6lb.	8	16	04
A plow with plates 2lb 8s: a table 3s: Grindstone 2s 6d: a plow Clevis and pin 5s	2	18	06
A Wheat Riddle 3s: oat Riddle 2s: one Draught Chain 1lb 5s	1	10	00
Draught Chain 1lb 10s: three yokes with ye Irons 1lb 12s	3	02	00
two horse Collars 19s: two pair of Horse Chains 1lb	1	19	00
four oxen 52lb: two steers 17lb: three cows 30lb: one Heifer 3lb 10s	102	10	00
A Hammer 5s: two forks 12s: Beetlerings 4s: Scythe & tackling 1 lb	2	01	00
three bells with straps 1lb 6s: Rakes 2s 6d: two wedges 6s: horse shoes 3s 4d	1	17	10
old iron 3s 6d: two axes 18s: a Saddle 7lb: Saddle 3lb: two bridles 15s	11	16	06
three halters 3s: two yearling steers 6lb: 2 calves 3 lb: Sheep 15lb 10s	24	13	00
old Horse 4lb: Young Horse 50lb: a mare and two year old colt 18lb	72	00	00
two sows 16lb: eight Hogs 16lb: five small swine 4lb	36	00	00
Six Piggs 3lb 12s: three small piggs 15s	4	07	00
A sled 12s: two flails 3s: Cash 12lb 13s 11d: a note 5lb	18	05	11
Leather 3lb 8s	3	08	00
Indian Corn on the land	16	00	00
Wheat at 2nd Hill 37lb 16s: Wheat at Poplar Swamp 2 14s	40	10	00
Oats on ye Land 5lb 11s: Rye on ye Land 2lb 14s: two pair of fellers 1lb 4s	9	09	00
A Timber chain 1lb 5s: a branding Iron 5s: three pounds of steel 5s	1	18	00
to 31 pound of Iron 1lb 5s 10d: a Harrow 3lb 18s	5	03	00
one ax 6s: a plow plate & bolt 3s 6d	0	09	06
Redwood 2s: old Iron 4s 9d: Wooden bottle 4s	0	10	09
flax crackle 12s: a sheep skin 5d: Barly on the land 2lb 14s	3	11	00
a scouring Rod 2s: Brass buttons 3s 6d	0	05	06

The foregoing Estate appraised by us.

JOHN BOSTWICK, } Apprisers, sworn to that
THOMAS PEEKET, } work according to law.

Added before oath was made—

two Razors—one at 6s: ye other at 1s. 0 07 00

Carefully extracted from ye Original on ye files of ye Probate in Woodbury
July 3, A.D. 1739.

CHAPTER VIII.

SKETCHES OF PROMINENT MEN.

1730—1750.



GIVING due credit to each family by way of special mention or a biographical sketch, is very desirable in a local history, but it is work for such a town as New Milford, as would require the study of a whole year, and therefore all that can be done in the present case is to approximate the desired object as near as time will allow. Some sketches will be found also in the chapters on the Quakers, Episcopalians, and Separates; and on Bridgewater, Brookfield, and New Preston, as well as others. Much time has been given to ascertain where families came from, at first, and when they came, and in this slow work, we have succeeded middling well, but not quite to satisfaction.

Ebenezer Fisk, Sen., came from Milford in 1737, and settled on Second hill, or on the west side of Town Hill. His father, Doct. John Fisk of Milford, bought a Right of land in New Milford, in 1709, and gave half of it to his son Ebenezer, the same year, but the latter did not settle here until 1737. Ebenezer, Sen., had a son Ebenezer, Jr., who married and had a son Ichabod, born in 1747, and apparently removed from the town not many years after. Ebenezer, Sen., died October 4, 1747, aged 58.

Dea. Job Terrill, wife and family came from Milford, about 1734, and settled on a farm in Park Lane, which he sold in 1743, to Amos Northrop, 2d. He was quite prominent in the town; was deacon in the Congregational church in 1739. No record of his family has been seen except that he had a wife Sarah, and a son Job, who died ten days old.

William Drinkwater, came from Ridgefield, and bought of Zachariah Ferriss one half of a Right of land Apr. 20, 1730,

and built a gristmill on the East Aspetuck, near or at the site of the present Paper Mill, just above Wellsville. This mill he sold to Nathan Terrill, in March, 1735. Mr. Drinkwater was a prominent active citizen, but died early in the year 1758, leaving a large family.

John Drinkwater, came from Rhode Island, and bought of Wm. Drinkwater, 10 acres of land "near Little Mount Tom, with a dwelling-house on it," March 30, 1735, and sold the same to John Sherwood, July 5, 1736, and removed from the town so far as known.

Samuel Lumm, from Derby, settled here about 1737, near the mouth of Town Hill Brook, having quite a family, the last child recorded here in 1765. The location which fell to his lot was about as poor as anything in the town, and it is not surprising that the family all left the town.

Joel Hervey, came from Lebanon, where he married Sarah Thatcher, Dec. 13, 1737, and settled in New Milford, having been here some time before his marriage. He had land laid to him at the mouth of Rocky river, where he, in company with Joseph Seelye, built a sawmill—and possibly having the intention of building a gristmill. He sold his mill property, farm and landed interest in this town to Partridge Thatcher, a brother-in-law, in 1743, and removed to Sharon, Ct., where he built another mill by which he made himself, and the town, quite noted to fame, as set forth by an ancient writer.¹

"Sharon forms three parishes, one of which is Episcopal. It is much noted on account of a famous mill, invented and built by Mr. Joel Harvey, upon his own estate ; for which he received a compliment of £20 from the Society of Arts in London. The water, by turning one wheel, sets the whole in motion. In two apartments wheat is ground ; in two others, bolted ; in another, threshed ; in a sixth, winnowed ; in the seventh, hemp and flax are beaten, and in the eighth, dressed. Either branch is discontinued at pleasure, without impeding the rest."

Joseph Seelye, probably, from Stratford, came to New Milford and married Thankful Weller, in 1735, and in connection with Joel Hervey, built a sawmill, and possibly a gristmill, all of which he sold to Partridge Thatcher.

¹ Hist. of Conn., by Samuel Peters, (1781) 146.

Amos Northrop, came from Milford and purchased 190 acres of land of Job Terrill for £1,600, June 30, 1743, a part of which land consisted of a home-lot and ten acre division, with a dwelling-house on it, in what is now Park Lane. No record of his death has been found.

Jonathan Meeker, came from Fairfield in 1743, and purchased, for £1,300, 266 acres of land of Nathan Terrill, "with a gristmill and all appurtenances and a dwelling-house on it," and afterwards bought a piece of land "to the backside of Mount Tom, northward of the Horse-beat." This was the mill built by William Drinkwater.

"Dec. 14, 1747, Voted that whereas Jonathan Meeker of New Milford, hath a gristmill standing on the river called East Aspetuck, which is a public benefit to said town ; whereupon said town fully and freely conveys the use and benefit of the said stream to said Meeker, with this proviso, that the said Meeker shall never hinder or interrupt any person that shall build any mill or dam on said stream for public use anywhere between the mouth of said river and within sixty rods of the mouth of the west pond, where said river comes out."

Ebenexer Hotchkiss, married in New Milford, Hannah Terrill, in 1742. He bought land near the mouth of Town Hill Brook, in 1745. He was deacon in the Separatist's church many years, and died in 1796. His descendants all seem to have disappeared from the town about the year 1800. His residence was at the east end of the town bridge at the Great Falls.

Samuel Canfield, Esq., son of Jeremiah, came from Milford, apparently before any of his father's family, and purchased of Robert Bostwick, June 5, 1723, a dwelling-house and three pieces of land for £110, the house standing on the site of the one now next south of Mr. Charles Randall's dwelling. He married in 1725, and resided in this house until his death in 1754, aged 52 years. His father gave him a half Right of land. He was a successful man ; became deacon of the church in 1742 ; town clerk in 1748 ; was Justice of the peace, and as such married the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, as well as many other persons ; was representative in several sessions. His descendants have been prominent in the town, especially his son Col. Samuel Canfield, and his grandson Ithamar Canfield. He was one of the

most active men in the settlement, of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor as pastor, and in sustaining the Half-way Covenant method in church government, having united with the church in 1726. When Litchfield county was organized in October, 1751, the four first justices of the *Quorum* for the county were John Williams, Samuel Canfield, Ebenezer Marsh, and Thomas Chipman. The *quorum* was the highest court in the State. In 1754 he was appointed the agent of the county for the building of the Court-House at Litchfield. But few men have a higher record than he at his age, in the olden times.

Ebenezer Washborn, settled in New Milford, in 1722, having in April of that year purchased thirty-seven acres, including the home-lot of David Griswold, next north of the Rev. Daniel Boardman's home. He mortgaged this farm, but failed to meet the obligations, surrendered it to Mr. Griswold then of Farmington, and he removed to Dover, N. Y. This was the first business failure in the town, so far as seen, but unfortunately not the last one. He retained his interest in the North Purchase, which he sold in 1724. He afterwards resided in the town with his family, some years.

Jonathan Buck, son of Jonathan, one of the first settlers of the town, proposed to establish himself in his trade upon the following conditions :

"Jan. 6, 1728, Jonathan Buck a copper-non apprentice to Benjamin Bunnell of Milford, sendeth a desire to this town to see what people will give him for encouragement, upon condition he settle in this town of New Milford as soon as his time is out with his Master Bunnell, which will be perhaps in Nov., 1729; and he also be obliged to supply the town with needful copper ware, viz.: set-work and Rhine work at a reasonable price, so long as there shall be an occasion for his work or until there is another or others of the trade sufficient to supply said town, in said town or while he shall have life or ability so to serve the town :

"These are to Begg a contribution of land to be given out of the next division, or money or labor upon consideration of the above-mentioned conditions, which being granted, Mr. Daniel Bordman gives one acre, John Welch one acre, Theophilus Baldwin one acre, Benoni Stebbins one acre, Joseph Buck two day's

work, Nathan Terrill half an acre, Jonathan Buck, his father, will give considerable labor, Enoch Buck 10 shillings in work, Jeames Prime 10 shillings money or work, James Lake one acre, Job Terrill one acre, Paul Welch one acre, Roger Brownson one acre, Nathan Talcott one acre, Roger Brownson, Jr., two days' work, Zachariah Ferriss one acre, Gamaliel Terrill two days' work, Samuel Brownson six shillings."

In Feb., 1730, the deed for these lands was executed, Mr. Buck, Jr., having set up his trade in the town according to agreement.

This land was laid upon the east side of East Aspetuck, joining Samuel Adkins and Wm. Gould's land. Jonathan Buck, Jr., bought land at the same time, 22 acres, at least, in 1730.

Thomas Oviatt married his 2d wife, Mrs. Lydia Clark, and settled in New Milford in 1723. He bought half a Right of John Clark, and settled on west side of Second hill. He had a number of children all born before he came here.

Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., of Milford, purchased of Samuel Clark, Jr., of Milford, Mar. 11, 1726-7, three and a half Rights of land, which Rights were those of Samuel Clark, Sen., the merchant of Milford, and the largest land-owner in New Milford, except the Rev. Daniel Boardman. His two home-lots (Mr. Clark's) were located next south of Mr. Boardman's first lot on Aspetuck Hill, and were numbers two and three on the west side of the town plot; and some of his land had been located on Second Hill, and some in what is now Bridgewater.

Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., settled in New Milford soon after buying the land of Mr. Clark, for in a deed of that year he is said to be "of New Milford," and several pieces of land were laid to him that year. He held one Right as an original proprietor, and he gave to his son Jeremiah, who is called "Jere," half of this Right in 1717, and had land laid to him in 1725, "fifteen acres on the plain near the Round Mountain, between it and Wood Creek Hill; also the same year ten acres of the 3d division, at a place called Poplar Swamp, west of John Noble's first 40 acres." His four and a half Rights gave him and his heirs over fifteen hundred acres of land at the end of the seventeenth century, when the last division was made.

He united with the First Church in 1736, being then advanced in years. His wife Elsie died Jan. 4, 1739-40, and he died

Mar. 18, 1739-40. After his death, his heirs made a division of some land, and in the deed the following appears : " This indenture made between Jeremiah Canfield, Thomas Canfield, Daniel Terrill, and Zeruia Canfield the wife of Daniel Terrill of Milford, and Azariah Canfield, Samuel Canfield, Zerubbabel Canfield, Joseph Canfield, John Bostwick and Jemima Bostwick his wife, and Josiah Bassett of New Milford, brethren and sisters, witnesseth, that we are seized of a certain tract of land fallen to us by heirship from our honored father Jeremiah Canfield deceased, situate on the great plain west side of the great river."

Jeremiah Canfield, Jr., was at that time in Milford, but afterwards settled in New Milford, in Bridgewater part.

Thomas Canfield never settled here, but his son David did. All the others were here except Daniel Terrill and his wife.

David Canfield, son of Thomas, came to New Milford, and settled on Long Mountain about 1748, and built the two story house still standing and known as the old Abel Canfield house. When he first went from New Milford village to this land he was guided only by marked trees, and his house was the only one so far as known on that part of the mountain for several years. Mr. Canfield's location was on good land, and the views of distant mountains were very fine. The drive from this old house northward for a mile, in a pleasant summer afternoon, is very grand and entertaining.

It was in the dooryard of this Abel Canfield house that Eleazer Beecher was ordained an Elder in the Baptist Church at a Convention, near the beginning of the Baptist meetings, which finally resulted in the Baptist Church at Northville, where Mr. Beecher preached many years.

This old homestead remained in the Canfield family until within a few years.

Josiah Bassett, from Stratford, remained in New Milford but a few years, and removed to Woodbury. He had married Alice, daughter of Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., in 1707, and hence was past middle life when he first came here.

Zerubbabel Canfield was residing here in the town before 1745.

William Sherman came from Newton, Mass., in 1739 or

1740, and purchased a small piece of land here in April, 1741, another piece in 1742, and in 1743 purchased quite a tract of Zachariah Ferriss, lying on the west side of Long Mountain at the Notch, for £430, and on this he seems to have built a house, since the deeds do not speak of one when he bought these several pieces, and since he was residing here a few years later, when the place was called New Dilloway. He also bought another piece of land for £350. In 1750, he purchased a dwelling and lot in the village, the site of the present Town Hall, and established a store. He died in 1756, aged 40 years.

Roger Sherman, brother of William, came from Newton in 1743, a single man, and resided with his brother; for he is said in a deed, in 1746, to be "of New Dilloway," having then been in the town three years. In 1748, he purchased a house and lot of Gamaliel Baldwin, in Park Lane, for £1,500, and made his residence there, but afterwards removed to the village and came into possession of his brother William's home, nearly on the site of the Town Hall, where he resided until his removal to New Haven. This dwelling and lot he sold to Abel Hine, Esqr., in 1761. (See Biog.) Upon further inquiry the place called New Dilloway seems to have been in the extreme northern part of the town of Sherman.

By the thoughtfulness of the Hon. George F. Hoar, Senator of the United States, the following paper is preserved and a copy furnished for publication, which illustrates the spirit of enterprise for new settlements which pervaded New England in those days, to a surprising degree.

"Whereas the Honorable James DeLancey Esqr., Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in Chief of the Province of New York by Proclamation, hath given Encouragement that he will Grant a Patent of Certain of the Ungranted Lands in the North part of said Province to such persons as will settle the same; Whereupon we the Subscribers do form ourselves into a Society for that purpose and do mutually agree to settle a Tract of Land sufficient for a Township, viz.: of about Twelve miles square, Lying Eastward of Fort Edward upon Wood Creek with 160 families thereon by the expiration of three years next after the expiration of the present war between Great Britain and France, provided we can obtain a Patent for the same, and we do agree that there shall be two rights of Five Hundred acres each, one for the use of the Ministry and the other for the School, and each of us do severally promise and engage to settle our Family on each Five Hundred acres that we subscribe for, and we do also each of us promise to pay his ratable part of the Charges of obtaining such Patent and of Surveying and Dividing said land, and we do appoint Mr. Jehiel Hawley of New Milford on our behalf to apply to his Hon-

our the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New York to obtain a Patent of said land. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the 14th of February, 1760.

Jehiel Hawley 4 rights,
Roger Sherman,
Roger Brownson,
Matthew Hawley,
Isaac Deforest,
Daniel Buck,
Isaac Casel,
Andrew Hawley,
Jonathan Benedict,
Samuel Summers,
Isaac Brick,
Elijah Bostwick,
Nehemiah Fisher,
Ebenezer Tolls,
Alexander Mackay,
Nathaniel Beecher,
Israel Baldwin,
Stephen Hallock,
Solomon Palmer, Jr.,
Abel Hawley 3 rights,

Caleb Daton,
Eleazer Beacher,
Benjamin Phillips,
Daniel Burrit,
Asahel ———,
Bushnell Bostwick,
Phineas Hurd,
Samuel ———,
Daniel Sherman,
Reuben Castel,
Peter Castel,
John Squier,
Thadeus Lacey,
Gedeon Hawley,
Joseph Villeor,
Consid. Hurlbut,
Remember Baker,
Richard Fairman 3 rights,
Gedion Botsford,
John Foot.

Abraham Gillett, son of Eliphalet of Milford, came to New Milford a young man, and in January, 1729, his father and mother deeded him a half Right of land in New Milford, and his dwelling-house was located at the corners of the roads a little way east of the New Milford burying-place. He married here Abigail Prindle, January 28, 1730, and appears to have died in or before 1743. He was the Constable of the town a number of years.

John Hitchcock, son of Samuel, the first of the name in the town, was a representative, and quite active in town matters for some time, after about 1750. The Hitchcock families were quiet farmers, not very prominent in the offices of the town. Some of them remained in the town until after 1800.

Nathan Gunn from Milford, came to New Milford a single man and married Hannah, daughter of John Welch, deceased, in 1741, and settled at Park Lane. In 1744, he and his wife sold the part of the John Welch homestead which fell to her from her father's estate, to their brother-in-law John Comstock.

Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, son of John, Sen., came into the town quite a number of years after his father, and built his

house on the south end of Town Hill on the road to Bridgewater, and was a successful farmer, a man of much influence of character. He was representative, and active in the public interests of the town,—a substantial, respected citizen; the father-in-law of Sherman Boardman.

Lieut. Daniel Bostwick, son of John, Sen., born in New Milford (the family records say) in 1708. His dwelling was on the corner where now Mrs. Emily B. Sanford resides, and there he kept a tavern many years, being a prominent citizen, a representative, and lieutenant in the militia. His daughter Annis married William Clark, who kept a tavern further south on the west side of the green.

Justus Miles from Milford, purchased of Daniel Hine in January, 1742, a piece of land north of Park Lane school-house, west side of the road, and on the north side of the road going west to "Terrill's Mill" (now the paper-mill), and built a house on it. He was a cordwainer, now called shoemaker, and the following town vote was passed in his favor:

"Dec., 1748. Voted that Justus Miles shall have liberty to build tanworks on ye highway, by ye north end of Henry Garlick's home-lot that leads towards Chestnut land."

Probate Court.

The General Assembly ordered, in 1719, "that there shall be a Court of Probate held at Woodbury, for the towns of Woodbury, Waterbury, New Milford, and Litchfield, by one judge and clerk," at which place the Probate records were kept until 1789.

Wetaug, now Salisbury.

When a few inhabitants were at first settled at Wetaug, the General Assembly connected them with New Milford, or at least sent them here to receive official authority for their officers, as is indicated by the following record, and the fact that a few deeds of land in that place were recorded here:

"New Milford, Feb. 26, 1728-9. The account of the inhabitants of Wetaug brought in, and by their vote Rulough Ducher was chosen brander for the place as may appear in their note in these words: 'Feb. 8, 1728-9, there convened the inhabitants of Weatalk to elect a man to mark and record the horses, and

have chosen by Magarett of votes Ruleph Ducher, in witness hereof our hands.

George White,
Christofell Ducher, K. D.,
Abraham Vandusa.'

"And Ruleph Ducher, took the brander's oath before me, Samuel Brownson, Justice of the peace."

Organization of Litchfield County.

"Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same,

That the townships of Litchfield, Woodbury, New Milford, Harwinton, New Hartford, Barkhamsted, Hartland, Colebrook, Norfolk, Canaan, Salisbury, Kent, Sharon, Cornwall, Goshen, Torrington, and Winchester, lying in the northwesterly part of this Colony, shall be and remain one entire county, and be called the County of Litchfield. October, 1751."¹ Also:

"This Assembly do appoint William Preston Esqr. to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Litchfield."

"This Assembly do appoint John Williams, Samuel Canfield, Ebenezer Marsh, and Thomas Chipman, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace *et Quorum* in and for the county of Litchfield, until the first day of June next."

CENSUS OF CONNECTICUT IN 1756.

Hartford County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.	Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Bolton,	755	11		Symsbury,	2,222	23	
Colchester,	2,228	84		Somers,	900		
East Haddam,	1,913	65		Stafford,	1,000		
Enfield,	1,050			Suffield,	1,414	24	
Farmington,	3,595	112		Tolland,	902	15	
Glastonbury,	1,081	24		Wethersfield,	2,374	109	
Haddam,	1,223	18		Willington,	650		
Hartford,	2,926	101		Windsor,	4,170	50	
Hebron,	1,855						
Middletown,	5,446	218			35,714	854	

¹ A bill for establishing the County of Litchfield, to comprise the towns now embraced in that county, save Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Plymouth, and Watertown, was passed in the Lower House, but rejected in the Upper, in October, 1741. In May, 1748, a bill to erect a new county with Woodbury as the county seat, and including the Southern part of Litchfield county with some towns in Fairfield and New Haven counties was rejected in the Lower House. The Lower House in 1750, passed an act to constitute a new county comprehending Kent, Litchfield, and Harwinton, on the South, Harwinton, New Hartford, Barkhamsted, and Hartland on the east, and with Litchfield as the Shire-town: the Upper House dissented, but the bill was continued to May, 1751, when a new one was introduced embracing also Woodbury, and New Milford, upon which the two houses could not then agree; Woodbury was unwilling to be annexed to the new county, New Milford preferred to

New Haven County.

Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.	Towns.	Whites.	Negroes.	Indians.
Bedford,	1,694	106		New Haven,	5,085		
Derby,	1,000			Wallingford,	3,713		
Durham,	765	34		Waterbury,	1,802	27	
Guilford,	2,263	59					
Milford,	1,633				17,955	226	

New London County.

Groton,	2,532	179	158	Preston,	1,940	78	
Lyme,	2,762	100	94	Saybrook,	1,898	33	
Killingsworth,	1,444	16		Stonington,	2,953	200	365
New London,	3,171						
Norwich,	5,317	233			22,015	829	617

Fairfield County.

Danbury,	1,509	18		Reading,			
Fairfield,	4,195	260		Ridgefield,	1,069	46	
Greenwich,	2,021			Stamford,	2,648	120	
New Fairfield,	713			Stratford,	3,508	150	
New Town,	1,230	23					
Norwalk,	2,956	94			19,849	711	

Windham County.

Canterbury,	1,240	20		Ashford,	1,245		
Coventry,	1,617	18		Voluntown,	1,029	19	
Pomphret,	1,677	50		Union,	500		
Killingly,	2,100			Windham,	2,406	40	
Lebanon,	3,171	103		Woodstock,	1,336	30	
Mansfield,	1,598	16					
Plainfield,	1,751	49			19,670	345	

Litchfield County.

Barkhamsted,	18			New Milford,	1,121	16	
Canaan,	1,100			Norfolk,	84		
Colebrook,				Salisbury,	1,100		
Cornwall,	500			Sharon,	1,198	7	
Goshen,	610			Torrington,	250		
Hartland,	12			Winchester,	24		
Harwinton,	250			Woodbury,	2,880	31	
Kent,	1,000						
Litchfield,	1,366				11,773	54	
New Hartford,	260						

Several Counties.

Hartford,	35,714	854		Windham,	19,669	345	
New Haven,	17,955	226		Litchfield,	11,773	54	
New London,	22,015	829	617				
Fairfield,	19,849	711			126,976	3,019	617

remain connected with New Haven county, Hartland, Barkhamsted, and New Hartford chose to continue attached to Hartford county. After the incorporation of Litchfield county, the three towns last named petitioned to be restored to Hartford county, which was granted as to Hartland, in May, 1796." Col. Rec., x. 56.

Gallows Hill Burying-place.

The "South Farms" spoken of in the following record or deed included settlers both below and some distance above this burying-place, and for some years this was the place of interment for families, not only at the Iron Works, but also for those some miles east of that place. This ground has been much neglected for some years, there having been but very few burials there within twenty or thirty years ; yet it is a beautiful place for the purpose. The following shows when it was appropriated by the town :

"New Milford, Oct. 23, 1734. Then laid and appointed for a Burying place in the township of New Milford, at the South farms, a certain piece of land lying on the country road to Danburie by the place called Gallows hill butted and bounded as followeth : west upon Danburie Roade : north on a highway that runs from the country Road to the Still River Lots : East on the Still River Lots or highway : South on common land, and is in length north and south twenty rods, and in breadth at the north end twelve rods, and at the south end eight rods.

Measured and laid out by us

JAMES HINE
NATHANIEL BOSTWICK } Selectmen."
JOSEPH BOSTWICK

This act of the Selectmen was sanctioned by a vote of the proprietors Oct. 30, 1734.

Inscriptions on the Tomb-stones.

A. C. 1791.

JOHN H | son of John & | Harriet R Bas-
sett | died Mar 15, 1862 | Æ 5 yrs. &
5 mo.

In memory of |

JOHN BASSETT | who died | July 13,
1856 | aged 26 years.

GEORGE C BALDWIN | died | Oct 8, 1851 |
Aged 26 years.

JOEL BALDWIN | Born | Oct 29, 1772 |
died | Dec 25, 1848.

In memory of |

MABEL wife of | Joel Baldwin | who
died | June 29, 1818 | aged 43.

In memory of | two children of | Joel &
Mabel Baldwin |

MINERVA | died Nov 17, 1804 | aged 2
years.

THOMAS died Sept 11, 1810 | aged 1 year.

TAMAR BALDWIN | wife of | Joel Bald-
win | died | Sept 26, 1862 | Æ 72 yrs &
5 mos.

The rest beyond is sweet.

THADDEUS BALDWIN | died July 25,
1815 | aged 80 |

THADDEUS E | his son | died April 21,
1786 | aged 22.

ELI | another son | died May 10, 1779 |
aged 5 days.

SARAH | wife of | Thaddeus Baldwin |
died Dec 29, 1798 | aged 51.

POLLY | daughter of | Joel & Mabel Bald-
win | died Jan 11, 1813 | aged 14.

Alas sweet youth not all your charms
Could save you from death's icy arms.

JOHN BANKS | Died | Nov 29, 1860 | aged
56 years.

THIRZA BANKS | Died | May 3, 1859 |
aged 53 years.

In | memory of |
LEVI L | son of John & | Thirza Banks |
who died | April 15, 1848 | \AA 23 yr's &
8 mo.

In | memory of |
EBENEZER BLACKMAN | who died | April
3, 1856 | Aged 77 years.

In | memory of |
EVELINE O | wife of | Ebenezer Black-
man | & daughter of | Samuel C & Bet-
sey | Nichols | who died | Feb 10, 1851
aged 23 y'rs.

"It is the Lord: let him do as seemeth him good."

In | memory of |
JOHN son of | Ebenezer & Lois Black-
man | who died | Dec 15, 1849 aged 31
y'rs.

LITTLE MINNIE | Daughter of | Ebene-
zer & | Harriet Blackman | Died | Jan
19, 1859 | \AA 4 Y'rs & | 8 mo's.

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

In | memory of |
LOIS | wife of | Ebenezer Blackman | who
died | Sep 18, 1858 | \AA 77 Y'rs.

In | memory of |
POLLY W Dau' of | Ebenezer & Lois |
Blackman | who died | March 31, 1847
| aged 41 years.

In | memory of |
DAVID BOSTWICK | who died | July 16,
1860 | aged 99 years 4 mos | & 22
Days.

In | memory of |
MRS DEBORAH wife of | Robert Bost-
wick who | died 5th May, 1792 | aged 64
years.

In | memory of |
HANNAH wife of | David Bostwick | who
died | April 18, 1848 | aged 84 years |
9 mo & 23 days.

Sacred to the memory of |
WILLIAM BOSTWICK son of | Benjamin
& Esther Bostwick | who died Aug 15th,
1797 | aged 30 years.

"Oh take these tears mortality's relief,
And till we spare your joys forgive our grief,
These little relics, a stone, a verse receive,
'Tis all a father, all a friend can give."

MARY | wife of | James E Briggs | Died
Aug 2, 1843 \AA 28.

ISAAC BRIGGS | Died | June 19, 1845 | \AA
71 y'rs.

JAMES E | BRIGGS | Died | Jan 8, 1851 |
 \AA 33.

In | memory of |
MR JESSE BENEDICT | who died | July 3,
A D 1826 | Aged 68 years.

In | memory of |
MRS MARY wife to Mr. | Noah Benedict
who | died May 2, 1793 in the | 50th
year of her age.

In | memory of |
HANNAH BENNETT | wife of | Stephen
Bennett | who died | July 23, 1855 |
aged 76 years.

In | memory of |
STEPHEN BENNETT | who died | Nov 24,
1838 | aged 75 years.

"An honest man is the noblest work of God."

WILLIAM | son of John T & | Sally M
Bennett | died Nov 9, 1835 | aged 9
mos & 9 d's.

In | memory of |
DANIEL BRADSHAW | who died | March
10, 1810 | Aged 33 years.

In | memory of |
MINDWELL BRADSHAW | who died | Oct
1, 1819 | aged 78 years.

In | memory of |
WILLIAM BRADSHAW | who died | Dec
28, 1818 | aged 77 years.

In | memory of |
ISRAEL BRISTOLL | who died | July 23,
1829 | Aged 32 years.

ISRAEL | son of | Thomas P & | Currence
Bristoll | died | Jan 22, 1835 | aged 11
months.

In | memory of |
SARAH wife of | Nathan Bulkley | who
died | April 22, 1833 | aged 46 years.

"As I am now, so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me."

In | memory of |
ANNA wife of Israel | Camp who de-
parted | this life Decr 30, 1797 | in the
69 year of | her age.

In | memory of |
HULDAH wife of | Riverius Camp | who
Died February | the 17th, 1782 in the |
28 year of her Age.

"Lye still and sleep | in silent shades
Enjoy a quiet Rest |
Let | no disturbing foe | invade
Your calm | and peaceful breast."

In | memory of |
HEZEKIAH CAMP | who died | Dec 4,
1845 | aged 87 years | and

FRANCES | His wife who died | April 13,
1844 | aged 82 years.

In | memory of |
ISRAEL CAMP who | departed this life
Jany 12, 1804, in the 82d year of | his
age.

In | memory of |
RIVERIUS CAMP | who died | April 23 |
1824 | in his 74 year.

LYSANDER COLE | died | May 21, 1876 |
Aged 77.

SALLY WILDMAN | his wife | Died Oct 7,
1871 | Aged 68.

In memory of |
NATHAN CORNWALL Junr | of Danbury
who died | New Milford | with the
small-pox | March 26th, A D 1801 |
aged 18 years 11 mo | & 8 days.

Alas ere manhood ripened | on thy cheek
Remorseless death has swept thee | to the tomb
Yet weeping friendship shall thy virtues speak
And snatch thy name from dull oblivions gloom.

In | memory of |
HORACE B CRANE | son of Stephen
Crane Esq | and the late Hannah
Crane | who died Jan 28, 1825 | aged
19 years & 5 months.

Ye living men come view the ground |
Where you must shortly lie.

In memory of |
MR ISAAC CRANE who | died Sept 23d,
1800 in | the 34th year of his age | Also
MRS ROANE his wife who | died Sept 26,
1800 in | the 31st year of her age.

In memory of |
JAMES DERRY | who Died | at Brookfield
Con | Mar 9, 1839 | Æ 36.

Think not to find record of his worth
Emblazoned on this perishable stone,
None may presume to set his virtues forth
None but his Judge can make them fully known.

BREWSTER EASTON | Died | Nov 30,
1835 | Æ 65.

He feared not death.

SARAH | wife of | Brewster Easton |
died | Feb 19, 1860 | Æ 77.

The Bible was her companion.

SARAH | wife of | Hanford Edwards |
died | Nov 13, 1855 | Æ 72 Yrs 6 mo &
11 D's.

Mourn not for me I am not afraid to die.

HANFORD EDWARDS | Died | March 17,
1867 | Æ 82 Yrs 6 Mo | & 5 D's.

Gone where dwell the pure in Heaven.

RACHEL | wife of | Hanford Edwards |
Died | Oct 7, 1870 | Æ 83 y's 6 M's | &
10 D's.

How beautiful is the memory of the dead.

In memory of |
AMEL EDWARDS | who Died | April 5,
1826 | Æ 73 | Also

SARAH his wife | who Died | Feb 19,
1842 Æ 83.

HANNAH FAIRCHILD | Died | Oct 15,
1854 | Æ 85.

In | memory of |
RACHEL CAROLINE | wife of | Elijah B
Fenton | & daughter of | Stephen & |
Hannah Bennett | who died | Sept 14,
1843 | Æ 33 y's 4 mo | & 18 d's.

"The pure in heart that God shall see,
Prepare my friend to follow me;
O Jesus purify each heart,
That we may meet no more to part.

SOPHIA | Daughter of Foster | & Eunice
M | Hurlbert | died Aug 29, 1813 | Æ
2 ys & 3 mo.

DAVID A FOSTER | Died | July 23, 1866 |
Æ 74.

MARIETTA P NOBLE | his wife | Died
Oct 1, 1873 | Æ 78.

SUSAN ELIZABETH | Daughter of | David
& | Marietta P Foster | Died | May 22,
1871 | Æ 44.

JOHN PENFIELD | son of | James A & |
Susan H Giddings | Died | Oct 11,
1850 | Æ 25 Yrs 6 Mos & 4 D's.

SUSAN H | wife of | James A Giddings
Died | June 10, 1868 | Æ 62.

In | memory of |
ANNA wife of | Sturges Goodsell | who
died | Oct 15, 1839 | aged 44 y's 6 mo
& 4 d's.

In | memory of |
BURR | son of Sturges | & Anna Good-
sell | who died | March 31, 1865 | aged
19 years.

Died | Dec 7, 1844 |

ELIZA A | Daughter of | Sturges & Anna
Goodsell | Æ 25.

Our fondest hopes our most endearing ties
Are mortal, but affection never dies."

In | memory of |
HENRY | son of Sturges & | Anna Good-
sell | who died | Jan 16, 1845 | aged 21
y's.

STURGES GOODSSELL | Died | May 2,
1869 | Æ 76 y's.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH | daughter of | Joseph & |
Samantha Hawley | who died | Sep 22,
1844 | aged 5 yrs & 6 mo.

Suffer little children to come | unto me for of
such is | the Kingdom of Heaven.

In memory of |
MR AMOS HUBBELL | who died | Sept
25, 1825 | aged 35 years.

In | memory of |
CLEMENT HUBBELL | who died Jan 21,
1839 | aged 86 years | & 7 mo.

CLEMENT | HUBBELL | & Mrs Hepzi |
bah Hubbell | He Died Aug 12, A D
1747 | aged 4 years.

In memory of |
SARAH wife of | Clement Hubbell | who
died | Jan 3, 1838 | aged 86 years | 4
mo & 15 ds.

In memory of |
URANIA | Daughter of Amos & Rinda
Hubbell who | died Jan 26, 1816 | \AA 3
years & 3 mos.

In memory of |
FOSTER HURLBURT | who died | April
13, 1842 | aged 65 y & 6 mo.

Also of | his daughter |
SALLY HURLBURT | who died | April 5,
1833 | aged 28 y & 6 mo.

SAMUEL C | son of Foster & | Eunice M
Hurlburt | died Sept 5, 1813 | \AA 6 yrs
7 mo | & 19 ds,

Died | July 21, 1868 |
ANNIS B | wife of | Gideon Hull | \AA 75.

In memory of |
DAVID HULL | who died | Dec 19, 1822 |
aged 55 years.

In memory of |
DEBORAH Dau of | John & Eunice | Hull
who died | March 5, 1797 | aged 20
years.

In memory of |
EUNICE | wife of | John Hull | who
died | March 16, 1830 | aged 93 years.

Died | June 30, 1855 |
GIDEON HULL | \AA 60.

In memory of |
JOHN HULL | who died | Dec 28, 1808 |
aged 70 years.

In memory of |
SALLY wife of | David Hull | who died |
Oct 15, 1802 | aged 32 years.

In memory of |
URANIA Daut of | John & Eunice | Hull
who died | Feb 10, 1809 | aged 35
years.

In memory of |
MR DAVID JACKSON who | died 26th Dec,
1754 Aged | 47 years.

ELDAD JACKSON son of the | Rev Henry
Jackson and | Martha his wife died |
Mar 14, 1777 aged 14 | days | And

HENRY JACKSON son of the | Rev Henry
Jackson and | Martha his wife died
Jan'y | 29, 1782 aged 1 year and | 10
months.

In memory of |
HANNAH Relict of | Mr David Jackson |
who died June | 11th, 1784 aged 70
Years.

HENRY JACKSON | Died | Apr 3, 1861 |
Aged 75.

REV HENRY JACKSON A M died | Nov
24th, 1799 Aged 51 years.

The strokes of fate conclude | all earthly views.

MRS MARTHA | relict of the late | Rev
Henry Jackson | died Oct 22, 1825 |
aged 76 years.

MARTHA JACKSON | wife of William
Gaylord | Died | May 18, 1872 | Aged
88.

MARY E | wife of | Henry Jackson |
Died | July 22, 1865 | Aged 75.

OLIVER P JACKSON | son of Eldad C | &
Cynthia Jackson | died | Sept 3, 1830 |
aged 21 yrs 6 mo | & 11 das.

SIMEON B | son of | James & | Sarah A
Jennings | Died | Apr 25, 1835 | aged
5 d's.

HULDAH KEELER | wife of Benjamin
Keeler | died July 28, 1823 | \AA 37.

JOSHUA | son of | Arche W & Betsey |
Knapp | died April 21, 1812 | Aged 14
months.

In memory of |
LEVI KNAPP | died March 27, 1802 |
aged 33 years | 8 months & 13 days.

In the midst of life | we are in death.

LUCY A KNAPP | Daughter of | Levi &
Sarah Knapp | died Oct 21, 1812 | \AA
19.

SARAH KNAPP | wife of | Levi Knapp |
died Jan 7, 1813 | \AA 46.

In memory of |
ELLIS wife of | Levi P Knapp | daughter
of Samuel & | Phebe Brooks | who died
March 8, 1823 | in her 32 year.

CHARLES B | Born Aug 30, 1828 | died
Feb 15, 1832 |

FREDERICK H | Born Aug 21, 1831 |
Died July 8, 1833 |

Children of | Hiram & | Marinda Lake.

HIRAM LAKE | Died | Oct 30th, 1861 |
aged 63 yrs 4 mo | & 9 days.

LAKE [Monument]
WM H LAKE | Died | Apr 8, 1869 |
Aged 65.

MABEL LAKE | wife of Benjamin Lake |
Died June 23, 1862 | aged 86.

BENJAMIN LAKE | Died | Mar 9, 1847
Aged 80.

ELIZABETH LAKE | Died | Apr 18, 1869 |
Aged 57.

Sacred to the memory of |
SALLY MEEKER wife of | William Meeker
who died | Sep 29, 1803 | aged 21 years.

Let those immortal undisssembled love
Still still pursue her to those realms above
Where may we join her at this frail lifes end
And there unite with our departed friend.

In memory of |
EMELINE—Daut of Moses & | Mary
Mills | who died | Sep 13, 1842 | Aged
23 years.

MOSSES MILLS | Died Sep 27, 1856 | aged 64 yrs.

Died | Sept 23, 1797 |

AMMON | son of Lemuel & | Mahetable | Morehouse | Æ 3 months.

In | memory of |

CATHARINE wife of | Paul Davis | who died | Oct 31, 1816 | aged 22 years.

Our little **LIZZIE**.

Why should we weep for thee
Since thou hast gone unsullied,
Back to Heaven.

MARTIN N LEE | Died | Jan 18, 1857 | in the 54th year | of his age.

Our father sleeps.

In memory of |
ABNER LEWIS | who died | Jan 17, A D 1815 | in the 68 year | of his age

Monument

LEVI MERWIN | Born Feb 1746 | Died March, 1808.

LOIS | wife of Levi Merwin | Born Feb, 1751 | Died May, 1822.

A solemn thought |
Dust thou art and unto |
dust thou shalt return.

In memory of | two children of | Samuel & Martha Merwin |

SAMUEL died | Aug 22, 1771 | aged 4 years.

MARTHA died | Sept 16, 1770 | Æ 7 years & 9 months.

Sleep lovely babes & take thy rest
God called thee home he thought it best.

MARY | wife of | Edward Maxfield | died Nov 21, 1847 | Æ 83 years.

In memory of |

REBECCA MARIA | daughter of Edward & | Mary Maxfield | who died | April 17, 1822 | in her 18 years.

In memory of |

MR JOHN MOREHO | USE who died June 24 | 1803 in the 65th | year of his age.

CLARK II | son of Emmon II & | Ellen Nearing | died | Aug 23, 1850 | aged 3 years.

In memory of |

JOHN II NEARING | who died | Feby 5, 1806 | aged 84 years.

In memory of |

RURY NEARING | who died | May 1, 1839 | aged 83 years | & 2 mo.

In memory of |

ASA NICHOLS who | departed this life Feby | 9th, 1816 Aged 28 years.

In memory of |

PRISCILLA daughter | of Jonathan Bulkley & | Wife of Asa Nichols | who departed this life | Sep 13th, 1815 aged 25 years.

All flesh is grass | but the word of God | shall stand for ever.

In memory of |

RANE Daut of | Isaac & Sarah | Nichols who died | Jan 15, 1802 | in 67 year | of her age.

SAMUEL C NICHOLS | Died July 13, 1872 | Æ 78 y'rs 2 mos & | 6 d's.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord | from henceforth yea saith the spirit, that | they may rest from their labours; and | their works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13.

The Rev |

BIRDSEY G NOBLE | died | Nov 16, 1848 | aged 57 years.

EDWARD | SYLVANUS | son of the Rev B G & Charlotte | Noble died | Jan 18, 1827 | Aged 3 months.

CHARLOTTE NOBLE | wife of the Rev | Birdsey G Noble | Died | May 11, 1843 | aged 51 years.

In | memory of |

ELIZABETH wife of | Sylvanus Noble | who died | Jan 27, 1825 | aged 58 years.

In | memory of |

SYLVANUS NOBLE | who died | March 26, 1837 | aged 81 years.

Life is short—Eternity long
Memento mori memento mori

In memory of |

MR THOMAS NOBLE who died | Novr 4th, 1783 Aged 72 years | And

MRS MARY his amiable | Consort who died Jan 17th, 1795 | aged 78 years.

The strokes of fate | are death to earthly views |
The soul surmounts the tomb | & in her state secure | devoid of hope of fear or faith | enjoys her God.

In memory of |

ELIZABETH wife of | James Osburn | who died | Jan 24, 1813 | aged 75 years.

In memory of |

JAMES OSBURN | who died | March 26, 1811 | aged 77 years.

In memory of |

ISRAEL OSBURN | who died | March 30, 1835 | aged 74 years | 8 mo & 24 ds.

Rapt in the shades of death no more
Thy friendly face I see
Empty ah empty every place
Once so well filled by thee.

In memory of |

MERCY wife of | Israel Osburn | who died | Oct 15, 1795 | in the 29th year | of her age.

In | memory of |

NABY wife of | Israel Osburn | who died Sept 20, 1813 | aged 37.

In memory of |

SARAH OSBURN | who died | Jan 20, 1813 | aged 87 years.

1772 |

HANNAH | PALMER | aged 2 mo.

Here lies the body of
RUFUS PALMER who De | parted this life
Novem | ber 24, A D 1772 in the | 11
year of his Age.

Behold and see as you | pass by
As you are now | so once was |
As I am | now so must you be |
Prepare for Death | and follow me.

MR ELI PERRY | Died | May 3, 1834 |
Æ 82.

MARY | his wife Died | Aug 11, 1827 |
Æ 86.

In memory of |
MRS SARAH wife of | Mr John Prindle |
of New Haven | who died March 16th,
A D 1767 aged 23 years.

When this you see Remember me.

Died Jan 28, 1838 |
HANNAH L | daughter of Tilly & Lucy |
P I Reed | aged 9 y'rs | & 11 d's.

In memory of |
CAPT JOSEPH RUGGLES | who died Novr
8, A D 1802 | Æ 71.

Numpalsy Death Judgment Eternity
Faith Hope Love & Charity.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL RUGGLES | who died March 17,
1795 | aged 44 years.

In | memory of |
HULDAH wife of | Samuel Ruggles | who
died Nov 19, 1807 | aged 48 years.

SAMUEL SANFORD | died May 16, 1814 |
aged 69.

This spot contains the ashes of the just
Who sought no honors & betrayed no trust
This truth he proved in every path he trod
An honest man's the noblest work of God.

In memory of |
SAMUEL A. SANFORD | son of Uriah &
Eunice | Sanford who died | Aug 2,
1834 | in the 20 year | of his age.

In memory of |
SAMUEL SANFORD | son of Mr Samuel |
& Sarah Sanford | who died 5th July |
1783 aged 3 years | 6 months & 7 days.

POLLY | daughter of | Saml & Sarah San-
ford | died Jan 16, 1794 | aged 6.

In | memory of |
SARAH wife of | Samuel Sanford | who
died | June 7, 1822 | aged 77 years.

POLLY | wife of | Thomas Sanford | died
Sep 26, 1861 | Æ 86 y'rs.

In | memory of |
THOMAS SANFORD | who died | Feb 11,
1849 | in the 80 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
URIAH SANFORD | who died | Oct 15,
1838 | in the 71 year | of his age.

ELIZA C | daughter of | Benjamin & |
Polly Ann Stebbins died | Jan 25,
1845 | aged 1 ye 1 m | & 19 d's.

This lovely bud so young so fair
Called home by early doom
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In paradise would bloom.

HANNAH | daughter to | Polly Ann |
Stebbins died | Oct 30, 1844 | aged 2
y'rs | 10 mo & 8 D's.

Dear child how short thy stay
How soon thy journey's o'er
Thy spirit's fled away
To visit earth no more.

POLLY ANN | wife of | Benjamin Steb-
bins | died | Apr 12, 1847 | Æt 31.

AGUR TOMLINSON | died | June 7, 1841 |
aged 62.

JOSEPH TOMLINSON | died Aug 7, 1839 |
aged 33 |

DAVID HENRY TOMLINSON | died & was
buried | White Hall Alabama | Aug 9,
1837 | aged 16 | Sons of Agur & |
Mary Tomlinson.

MARY | wife of | Agur Tomlinson |
died | March 24, 1861 | Æ 84 y'rs & 5
mo.

In | memory of |
THOMAS TILT | whodied | Dec 14, 1850 |
Æ 79 years.

In memory of |
HANNAH wife of | John Vail | whodied |
August 14, 1809 | aged 56 years.

In memory of |
PARTHENA VALE | who died | May 15,
1841 | aged 59 years.

In memory of |
BENJAMIN | son of Mr & Mrs Hannah
Waller He died | September 2, A D
1745 | 3 years of | Age.

In memory of |
MR JOSEPH WALLER | who died July 8,
1788 | in the 88th | year of his age.

In memory of |
MRS | HANNAH ye wi | fe of Mr Jose | ph
Waller She died February | ye 4th,
A D 1747 | & in ye 44 year | of her
age |

As I am now so you | Must Be
Prepare for | Death & follow me.

In | memory of |
ABIGAIL | wife of | John Warner | who
died | Dec 29, 1851 | aged 86.

AMELIA D | Dau of Daniel N & | Doro-
thy Warner & | adopted daughter of Eli-
ram | & Sophia Warner | died at New
York Jan 5 | 1845 aged 4 years 1 mo |
& 6 ds.

Blest child thou'st passed from earth away
To the bright realms of endless day
Too good too pure for earth thou'st gone
To dwell with angels round the throne.

APHIA E | wife of | Orange Warner |
Died | Sep 28, 1855 | A. 51 Yrs 1 Mo
& 16 D's.

Thou hast all seasons for thine own O Death.

In | memory of |
ASA WARNER | who died | Dec 13, 1819 |
aged 76 years.

In | memory of |
CURTIS WARNER | who died Oct 11
1818 | A. 52 years.

ELIZUR WARNER | Died | Nov 12, 1877 |
A. 70 Yrs 8 Mo | & 6 Ds.

As in Adam all die even so in
Christ shall all be made alive.

In | memory of |
CAPT ELIZUR WARNER | who died | May
6, 1842 | aged 72 years.

In | memory of |
DRA ELIZUR WARNER | who died July
23, 1806 | aged 68 years 6 months |
The dull cold marble to the living
Speaks Here read thy fate.

In | memory of |
EUNICE wife of | Asa Warner who died |
Feb 12, 1818 | aged 69.

EUNICE WARNER | relict of | Reuben
Warner | died | Feb 5, 1839 | aged 76
years.

In | memory of |
EUNICE | wife of John Warner who | de-
parted this life May 5th | 1799 in the
62d year | of her age.

In | memory of |
HANNAH wife to John | Warner who de-
parted | this life Jan'y 10, 1775 | in the
36th year of | her age.

HANNAH ELIZA | Daughter of Wm S &
Rachel E | Warner Died | Feb 3,
1863 | A. 5 Mo's & 12 D's.

HELEN E | daughter of | Wm R & |
Laura Warner | died | March 1, 1845 |
aged 10 yrs.

HENRY S WARNER | died | May 6, 1856
A. 59.

In | memory of |
JOHN WARNER | who died | Sept 8,
1850 | A. 86.

CAPT JOHN WARNER | died | Dec 9,
1762 | A. 60 yrs.

In | memory of |
JOHN WARNER | who departed this | life
March 11, 1800 | in the 61st Year of
his age.

In | memory of |
LEMUEL WARNER | who died | Feby 19,
1814 | A. 83.

SAMUEL H | son of Orange | & Lucy
Warner | died Aug 13, 1822 | aged 27
years.

SALLY M | daughter of Orange | & Lucy
Warner | died Sept 28, 1824 | aged 21
years.

In | memory of |
MRS SARAH | wife of | Mr Lemuel War-
ner | who died Dec 23d, 1810 | aged 77
years.

In | memory of |
MINERVA E | daughter of | Orange & |
Lucy Warner | who died | Nov 20,
1829 | aged 18 years.

WILLIE | Infant son of | Henry O & |
Sarah W | Warner Died | Jan 16, 1860
| A. 16 D's.

In | memory of |
WILLIAM R | WARNER | who died | Nov
3 | 1853 | aged 54 years.

WILLIAM S WARNER | Died | Oct 3,
1879 | A. 44 Yrs 4 Mo | & 15 D's.

The spirit freed from earthly chains
Enraptured soars away
To share with ransomed souls
The joys of endless day.

Widow |
RACHEL WATERBURY | died | Jan 27,
1858 | aged 77 yrs.

In | memory of |
LOIS wife of Oliver | Warner who Died |
October 14th, 1781 in | the 55th year of
her | Age.

In | memory of |
LUCY wife of | Orange Warner | who
died July 8, 1830 | aged 58 yrs.

In | memory of |
MARTIN WARNER | who died | July 15,
1807 | in the 62 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
MARY wife of | Deacon Elizur Warner |
who died | Oct 21, 1815 | Aged 75.

In | memory of |
MRS MARY wife | of Capt John Wa | rner
She Died Oc | tober ye first A D | 1757
in the 53rd | year of her age.

In | memory of |
MARY wife of Martin Warner | whodied |
Dec 16, 1819 | in the 89 year | of her
age.

In | memory of |
OLIVER WARNER | who died | Feb 22,
1814 | in the 83 year | of his age.

ORANGE WARNER | died Jan 11, 1871 |
A. 72.

Death cometh to the aged as the night | comes to
the weary child.

ORANGE WARNER | Died | Mar 10, 1831
A. 86.

ABIGAIL | his wife | Died | Mar 31,
1830 | A. 86.

In | memory of |
REUBEN WARNER Esq | who died | Nov
 14, 1825 | Aged 67 years.

NELSON J | son of | John R & Susan A |
 Way | died Nov 27, 1857 | aged 2
 months.

Our baby dear is | sleeping here.

ALVIRA | wife of | John S Wheeler |
 Died | Apr 19, 1863 | \AA 53 yrs.

Dearest mother thou hast left us
 And thy loss we deeply feel
 But tis God that hath bereft us
 He can all our sorrows heal.

JOHN S WHEELER | died | Mar 3, 1862 |
 \AA 55 yrs.

A light is from our household gone
 A voice we loved is still
 A place is vacant at our hearth
 Which time can never fill.

In | memory of |
ALMIRA | wife of | Canfield S Wildman |
 who died | Nov 17, 1837 | aged 23 years.

JAY | son of | Canfield S & Almira Wild-
 man | died | Dec 17, 1837 | aged 9
 weeks.

EDWINA | son | of Canfield S & | Harriet
 Wildman | died | Sep 21, 1844 | aged
 9 m.

In | memory of |
CLARISSA | wife of | Mr Wildman | who
 died | Dec 9, 1850 | aged 73 years.

LAURA C | daughter of | Ar & | Clarissa
 Wildman | Died | Aug 15, 1858 | aged
 43 yrs.

In | memory of |
HANNAH M Dau of | Mr & Clarissa |
 Wildman who died | Nov 9, 1825 |
 Aged 23 years Also |

JOHN R WILDMAN | their son who died |
 August 9, 1826 | aged 17 years.

In | memory of |
PHILENA M WILDMAN | who died | Nov
 7, 1850 | aged 39 years.

In | memory of |
MR WILDMAN | who died | Nov 19,
 1838 | aged 62 years.

CHAPTER IX.

THE HALF-WAY COVENANT CHURCH.

1744—1752.



HALF-WAY Covenant was a term denoting that persons, not members of the church, acknowledged their faith in the doctrines of the church and gave their pledge to train up their children in that faith, and the privilege secured by these declarations was the baptism of the children of such persons. The old Congregational and Presbyterian rule was to baptize no children except one or both of the parents were members of the church.

This question of the Half-way Covenant was agreed upon at the meeting of the ministers at Saybrook, Ct., in 1708, and soon after was sanctioned by the General Assembly, and hence became a legalized method of church relationship.

This method was in practice in New Milford, during Mr. Boardman's ministry, in a moderate way, without any trouble or apprehension of evil results.

In 1740 and '41, this subject became a topic of general discussion, and was objected to by many who became very much engaged at that time in what was denominated "the great awakening," and also the "New Light" movement. There was no particular religious excitement in New Milford during these years, but the people became acquainted with the discussions and became divided somewhat in their judgments, and were thus prepared for a conflict whenever an opportunity should occur, which was reached immediately upon Mr. Boardman's decease.

The first intimation of Mr. Boardman's failing health is found in the record of a town meeting held on June 6, 1744, to advise with him about calling in the neighboring ministers to preach for him, and several names were proposed: "Voted, that the Revs. Mr. White of Danbury, Mr. Ingersol of Ridgefield, Mr.

Leavenworth of Waterbury, Mr. Trumbull of Westbury, Mr. Judson of Newtown, Mr. Lewis of New Fairfield, Mr. Humphrey of Derby, Mr. Woodbridge of Amity, shall be desired to come to preach here, with the consent of the Rev. Mr. Boardman."

Mr. Boardman's disease was of the lungs, and his health failed rapidly (as is often the case when active work ceases), and provision was made for the unusual expenses, with a special vote to excuse the members of the Church of England from any part in these costs, but not from bearing their legal part in the salary of the minister; and a Mr. Newton was obtained to preach for a few Sabbaths.

As Mr. Boardman's health continued to fail, the prospect of calling another pastor awakened the two elements of church order in the community, and the spirit of the parties took stronger form on the 20th of August, 1744, when a vote was taken to submit the nomination of candidates to the New Haven County Association, which body was strongly pledged against the New Lights, and in favor of the Saybrook Platform. At this time, however, there was a majority in favor of a nomination by the town, and to this they held for months, but finally yielded the point to the association. On the same day it was voted to give Mr. Newton a call to preach on probation, and if he would not accept such a call, to hire him for a time to supply the pulpit. This was on the 20th of August, and five days later Mr. Boardman departed this life to his future reward, leaving the flock without a shepherd.

On the 18th of the next September the town voted to send a committee to the meeting of the association, to make known to them "the broken state of the church and people in New Milford, and entreat their advice, direction, and assistance under their difficult circumstances." This committee consisted of Mr. Samuel Canfield, Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, Lt. James Hine, Lt. Paul Welch, and Mr. Ebenezer Fisk; and the town made the nomination at this time, of Mr. Jonathan Lyman, Mr. Dorr, Mr. Rowland, and Mr. Barker to come and preach, provided, "it be agreeable to the association." But that dignified body did not see fit, under such dictation, to render any assistance, and on the 8th of the next October, the town voted again to hold their right

to nominate instead of the association ; against which Paul Welch, Samuel Canfield, Ebenezer Fisk, Joseph Weller, and Jehiel Hawley protested. They then voted to call Mr. Dibble, if agreeable to the association, or a Mr. Williams, or Mr. Noah Wells ; but, if neither of these could be obtained, that the committee should then apply to the association. While in council in this same meeting, a change of proceedings was determined upon, whereupon they rescinded all former votes upon this subject, appointed a fast day, and voted to call in "neighboring Elders and Messengers," for "advice under our difficult circumstances."

After this fast day, the town surrendered completely to the dictation of the Association of New Haven County, which was an unfortunate decision, for, from that day, the progressive portion of the town seems to have given up all hope of changing church proceedings from the Saybrook Platform, although they made one more effort.

At the annual meeting, Dec. 10, 1744, Mr. Stephen Williams was preaching for them and was desired to continue "upon probation some time ;" but soon after, Mr. Noah Wells was sent for, and on the 2d day of July, 1745, Mr. Wells was invited by a majority vote to settle in the work of the ministry, there being eighty-seven votes in the affirmative, and thirty-five in the negative. They then voted him a settlement of six hundred pounds money, and two hundred pounds salary, annually, but passed the following : "That in case Mr. Noah Wells shall be instrumental in revaulting or deviating from the established order of the gospel ministry which he shall engage in, according to the Saybrook Platform, all the land so made over, shall return to said town for the use of the proprietors."

Before this meeting adjourned, a written protest against its proceedings was signed by thirty-five men, who demanded to know whether the meeting was called for the purpose of calling Mr. Wells on probation, or to settle him ; but the leading party would give no explanation, whereupon Mr. Joseph Ruggles and William Drinkwater bound themselves, under a bond of twenty pounds money, to prosecute the matter before the County Court. This proceeding ended all negotiations in regard to the settle-

ment of Mr. Wells, and, in August, they again invited Mr. Newton to preach for them.

The next candidate for settlement was Mr. Stephen Johnson, the votes standing 77 in his favor, and 40 against him ; and with this one-third vote against him the meeting proceeded to vote a settlement and salary, but to state that, if the candidate should deviate from the Saybrook Platform, the settlement should return to the town.

In a meeting, nearly two months later, they voted for two candidates, Mr. Noah Wells and Mr. Stephen Johnson ; the former having 52, and the latter 63 votes. Previous to this vote, they pledged the town to sustain the candidate who should have the highest number of votes, and hence they proceeded to give directions to the committee as to the settlement, and, as if apprehending a failure to settle either, they directed the committee in such a case to apply for another candidate. For four months negotiations were continued in view of settling Mr. Johnson, at the end of which he reported his acceptance, and the town made arrangements for his ordination, where the matter stands to this day ; it being rather doubtful if anything further will be done about it.

Whatever occurred during the next year may not be known, since some of the leaves of the book containing the records of the town-meeting have disappeared by the wear and tear of 130 years. One of them may be seen in a volume of the land records lately re-bound. On this stray but imprisoned leaf is recorded that, in October, 1747, they gave Mr. Freegrace Leavit "a call upon trial in order for a settlement—75 votes in the affirmative, and three in the negative."

The next vote to be found was dated Dec. 14, 1747, that the committee should apply to "Mr. Taylor of Danbury, and hire him to come and preach the gospel with us. Every voter in the said meeting voted in the affirmative." This record is made, apparently, with surprise and great gladness in regard to the unanimity of the vote. What were the facts? Simply that all who were opposed to the Saybrook Platform method of church government (about fifty) had withdrawn from the contest, and left the others to do what they pleased. One of Mr. Taylor's sermons, still preserved, is dated as preached at New Milford,

Oct. 11, 1747, and therefore he had been preaching here probably some two months when the above vote to hire on probation was passed.

Here, then, was the beginning of the "Separate Congregational Church" in New Milford, the calamity of which might have been saved, with very great ease, by a little more *grace* and a little less *law*, just as well as to have had all the trouble which took place during the next sixty years. Just those principles of doctrine and church government which the Saybrook Platform adherents rejected in 1750 became, after forty years, the leading features in the Congregational churches throughout the State and country.

The peculiar features of doctrine propagated by the Separates, especially those relating to a mysterious, and sometimes claimed to be miraculous, conversion, held a powerful and almost marvelous sway, from 1770 onward, for seventy-five years; but quietly the reaction "has set in," as a powerful tide, that threatens to carry everything before it, and that, too, with very much of solid reason and substantial character. The question now is becoming more important as to how a man lives, and what he does, rather than as to what he professes to have experienced.

The situation of the people as to these troubles in New Milford was not peculiar to this place, and the difficulties were not imaginative, but real; for quite many of the leading men were in the half-covenant relations, and would not vote against themselves in adopting the stricter methods of church relations; and, if they should refuse to admit any children to baptism, as the New Lights held to be the only right way, this would fill the Episcopal Church with zealous adherents; a matter which was regarded then as far from the best way. Also was it true that many who held to the New Light methods were the most zealous and active members of the church.

Such were some of the influences which led, finally, to the organization of the Separate Congregational church, in 1753.

After Rev. Nathaniel Taylor had been settled as pastor, he made the following record in the church book: "January 3d, 1748, Nathaniel Taylor was called to preach the gospel:—ordained June following, 29th day, pastor of the Church of Christ in New Milford, by the Rev. Mr. Isaack Stiles of North Haven, the Rev.

Mr. John Trumble of Westbury, the Rev. Mr. Nathan Birds-eye of West Haven, the Rev. Mr. Cyrus Marsh of Kent. The Messengers were Eliphalet Bristow of West Haven, Timothy Hatch of Kent, Timothy Judd of Westbury. Mr. Stiles gave the Charge; Mr. Trumble the right hand of fellowship."

The amount of his "settlement" was one thousand pounds to be paid within three years; four hundred pounds the first year, and three hundred each the second and third years. His salary was fixed at three hundred pounds a year for the first three years, or until the settlement was paid; after that it was to be four hundred pounds a year.

This, compared with the salary Mr. Boardman received, seems very large, and almost surprising; but the matter is quite changed when the money with which they proposed to pay him is compared with silver and gold as standards. When this amount of salary was promised it was coupled with definite explanations: "Then to give the said Mr. Taylor four hundred pounds old tenor money per year, computed with wheat at twenty-two shillings per bushel, rye at sixteen shillings per bushel, and Indian corn at thirteen shillings per bushel, to be paid in money or species [grains] as above."

The following were the prices in 1715, by which Mr. Boardman's salary of about thirty pounds, or one hundred dollars, was paid: Wheat, 4s. per bushel; rye, 2s. and 8d.; Indian corn, 2s. Hence, wheat was worth five and one-half times more, in name, in 1748, than it had been in 1715, which was only the difference between silver and the paper money then used.

In December, 1743, when Mr. Boardman's salary was settled the last time, it was made £145. Then wheat was 12s., rye 8s., and corn 6s.

On December 9, 1751, the town voted that "Mr. Taylor's salary for the present year shall be £500, old tenor, to be paid in money, or wheat at 30s. per bushel, or rye at 20s., or Indian corn at 15s." And a year later they voted that "David Ferriss shall be allowed fifty shillings, old tenor, per day, for warning the non-resident proprietors" to pay their taxes.

This inflation of currency continued until 1760, when England stopped the issuing of bills, and everything went down in price to where it started forty years before.

"Dec. 10, 1764. Species to defray town charges: wheat three shillings pr. bushel, Indian corn two shillings, rye two shillings and four pence, and oats one shilling and three pence."

Much, if not all, of the settlement made to Mr. Taylor was paid in land, and the land was furnished out of what was denominated "Parsonage land."

"Jan. 22, 1744-5. Voted, that the house-lot, so called, and the ten acre division laid out in the township of New Milford to the Parsonage or Proprietors' Right shall and is hereby given to the first gospel minister that shall be regularly settled in the work of the ministry in said New Milford, according to the laws and constitution of the Colony, and according to the Platform agreed upon at Saybrook, in way of settlement, except the above said minister shall renounce the laws and rules above mentioned, and if so, then the above said land to return to the proprietors of said town.

"Jan. 22, 1744-5. Voted, that those proprietors who are of the Church of England in this present day, and those of the Friends in said New Milford, shall have their equal proportion of the Proprietors' Right according to their Proprietary set out to them which shall be disposed of to encourage or support the gospel in said New Milford; that is to say, their equal proportion with those of the Presbyterian order that is now given or disposed of in quantity and quality.

"Sept. 20, 1748. Voted, that some part of the Proprietors' Right shall be disposed of for the propagation of the gospel in said New Milford. Voted by a universal vote.

"Voted, that the whole of the Proprietors' Right shall be sold at a public vendue, to the highest bidder, in some proper method, as the Proprietors shall hereafter direct."

The Committee for this matter consisted of Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, Lieut. Paul Welch, and Joseph Ferriss, and arrangements were made for the sale of the lands and the giving of deeds for the same.

"Samuel Canfield, Dobson Wheeler, Thomas Noble, Lt. James Hine, and William Drinkwater, shall be a committee to adjust the account with the former committee in respect to the sale of the Proprietors' Right, and to make distribution of the money according to the proprietors' act; that is to say, the aforesaid money shall be distributed upon this present list of the Proprietors, Churchmen, and the Friends; and when divided as aforesaid, that part which belongs to the Presbyterians shall be delivered to Mr. Taylor, and take his receipt as it becomes due, and if there be any overplus, the committee shall use it to the best advantage as aforesaid. Voted in the affirmative."

The following description of the location of some of this land will preserve several local names, if nothing more:

A parsonage lot, laid in 1714, "a home-lot upon the easterly side of Aspetuck hill, butting west upon the highway upon said hill, south upon a highway running east and west, north upon the

lot formerly owned by Jonathan Buck, east upon, ten-acre division or poplar highway, being sixty rods in length and twenty rods in breadth." This land is now owned by Mr. William D. Black. The ten-acre division was laid directly east of this home-lot, "allowing eight rods more for that highway that runs across to Poplar Swamp."

In 1724, seventy acres of this Right was laid "in one piece, lying west of West Aspetuck upon Long brook, a little below that place called the Middle Wolf Pit." This was west, across the valley from Mount Tom.

In 1727, they laid the fifth division of fifty acres "lying on the east side of the brook called Rock House brook, or the West Aspetuck river, bounded south on land formerly laid out to the Parsonage Right."

A Remarkable Pastoral Letter.

It seems proper to insert here, at the expense of considerable room, a Circular Letter sent to the churches in 1752, it being so remarkable a deliverance for such a body. It was entered in full on the church record in New Milford, by Mr. Taylor, and for that reason seems to have been highly esteemed by him; but how any Consociation ever consented to such extravagant statements is the mystery.

"To y^e Churches of Christ within y^e county of Litchfield; the Elders and Messengers in Council at Bethlehem on y^e last Tuesday of September, 1752, wish grace, mercy, and peace from God y^e father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Dr'ly Beloved having taken into consideration Dispensations of heaven towards y^e Land, both formerly and more lately, and viewing y^e present deplorable state of Religion in our Town Societies and Churches, it seems meet to us to put you in mind of y^e following particulars, and to send you our Christian advice and Counsell.

1. This Land was by our fore Fathers professedly settled; not upon a worldly, But a religious desire (viz.) y^t they might enjoy y^e gospel in its purity, Sabbaths without prophanation and y^e worship of God without y^e mixture of human ceremonies.

2. God has abundantly increased and blessed y^m since y^r first settlement.

3. In y^e midst of all our prosperity we have greatly forgotten y^e Lord God of our Fathers, and in great measure dropped y^e pious design of their forsaking their Native Country, and coming into a howling wilderness, and deeply back slidden and degenerated.

4. Therefore a just and holy God who has an infinite abhorrence of sin, has at divers times testified his righteous displeasure, more especially in y^e Last 3 or 4 years, wherein we have been distressed with drought and mortal sickness, and yet for all y^t we have not turned unto y^e Lord, therefore neither hath God turned away from his anger but his hand is stretched out still.

But what is still more awful:—

5 There seem to be great and sore Spiritual judgments upon y^e Land, many renouncing y^e purity of worship and falling in with those Separations and ceremonies y^e were y^e very burden which our Fathers were not able to bear, many renouncing y^e Doctrines of y^e first reformation, and y^e Standing Creeds of all y^e Protestant Churches, and turning arminians, many from error of judgment, or spirit of Licentiousness, turning antinomians and Separatists, and with much bitterness crying down all y^e Churches and ministers of Christ in y^e Land, and setting up to themselves teachers of y^e meanest and Lowest of y^e people, to which and as a natural consequence whereof, how awful and great a Spirit of security is sin, want of family government, great neglect of y^e instruction and education of youth, a growing neglect in many places, of family prayer, great prophanation of God's Sabbath, a great contempt of Civil and Sacred authority, intemperance, uncleanness, rioting, Chambering, wantonness, backsliding, and slandering, cheating, extortion, pride, covetousness, with many other like abominations, Like a Deluge overflowing y^e Land, all which may justly provoke God to punish us yet seven times more for all our iniquities ;—wherefore we do earnestly advise, intreat and beseech ministers and civil officers, Chh-members, heads of families and all baptized persons to arise as one man and return to y^e Lord by repenting and reforming every thing that is provoking to a holy God in themselves, and endeavoring in their proper places to reform others, y^e so iniquity may not be our ruin ; and particularly we would recommend it to y^e several Churches and Societies within our Limits by a Circular fast¹ in y^e current year, to implore a spirit of repentance and reformation, and that God would yet pardon us and own us for his people and not cast us off.

This Consociation as a good expedient to prevent y^e great abominations Committed on y^e solemn public occasions of ordinations, do heartily recommend to all y^e Churches and Societies within y^e county y^e y^e ancient apostolic practice be received by y^e Church and Society where an ordination is to be, as well as y^e ordaining Council, strictly keeping y^e day as a Day of fasting and prayer.

A true copy—JOHN SEARL *Scribe*."

Query : Was this the way to help people out of a bad life into a good one ?

If the statements were literally true of the churches (for to them the letter is addressed), then they ought to have repented in the severest way, but never again to have made a public profession of the Christian graces ; and if the statements were not literally true, the Council had no right to make them.

So far as the denominations or peoples against whom the shafts were hurled, we are reminded only of the old fable :—the wolf up stream, the lamb down stream, and the wolf complaining that the lamb roiled the water, and therefore the wolf had a justification for eating the lamb.

These ministers and their predecessors had been in possession of the whole country a hundred years,—offices, officers, churches,

¹ Holding fast days from one church to another throughout the county.

schools, and all,—and if what they say here was the result, it was time to “arise” in some way “as one man,” or as a million, and make a change. But it is difficult to read these charges without feeling that they were a marvelous exaggeration of religious defects that never were intended to be taken as literal truth. It was a kind of religious, theological mania in those days, to indulge in very severe self-condemnation as the proper method to attain the better or higher stages of Christian character and Christian experience; which method had grown up from the preaching of the New Lights; and this paper was, probably, the first manifesto put forth by any council in this part, and perhaps any part of Connecticut, by which the old churches assumed or assented to the platform of the New Lights, and which Dr. Bellamy maintained more and more to the end of his life.

“The Great Bridge.”

This was built across the Housatonic river first, in 1737, at what is now the foot of Bennitt Street, and was, as stated by Mr. J. W. Barber, in his Connecticut Historical Collections, the first bridge built over this river between this place and Long Island Sound.

The first settlers located on the east side of this river, at New Milford; which is quite a mystery to this day, since the rich bottom land all ready for cultivation, called the “Indian Field,” was on the west side. The crossing of this river so frequently, in attending farm-work, was a matter of great inconvenience, and led to the building of the bridge thus early. The place for fording the river which was most convenient, on account of the depth of the water, was near the mouth of Rocky River, a mile above the settlement, and in quite low water there was a place for fording below Wannuppee island.

On December 7, 1720, the town voted to build a boat for the purpose of crossing the river, the expense to be borne “by the polls.” The boat was probably built, and served its purpose about sixteen years, or to the time the bridge was erected. It has been supposed that this boat was the one sunk in the mud below the present bridge; but this is probably an error, since another boat was built in 1802, when the bridge was carried away by a flood in September, which is undoubtedly the one referred to as still preserved in the bottom of the river.

VIEW OF THE NEW YORK STATE MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK, FROM THE
MOUNTAIN HOUSE, NEW YORK.



"May 4, 1736. Dea. John Bostwick, Capt. Stephen Noble, and Samuel Canfield were chosen a committee to order all the prudentials in building a Bridge over the Great River at New Milford in the place that Mr. Edmond Lewis hath pitched upon, that is to agree with workmen to build the bridge, to receive the money that shall be gathered for that use, and to pay out to the workmen.

"At the same meeting Thomas Pickett, William Drinkwater, David Noble and Joseph Collins were chosen to carry a brief [a subscription] under the direction of the committee to try what they can get for the building of the Bridge.

"May 15, 1736. Voted that there shall be a memorial sent to the General Assembly now sitting at Hartford for liberty to gather money by a brief for the building of a bridge over the Great River at New Milford." In answer to which the Legislature granted liberty to raise contributions to the amount of £200.

"Oct. 11, 1736. Capt. Stephen Noble, Dea. John Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Sergt. Nathaniel Bostwick and Joseph Ferriss were chosen a committee to order all the prudentials in building a bridge over the Great River in said New Milford at the place the town hath agreed upon and the aforesaid committee are hereby empowered to receive all the money that is contributed by any person or persons by consignment or any other way and to lay it out for the building of said bridge, and the aforesaid committee are hereby obliged to render a true account of all their proceedings to a committee that the town shall appoint; and Roger Brownson, sen., and Nathan Talcott were chosen that committee.

"William Drinkwater and Thomas Pickett were chosen collectors to gather what money they can in Fairfield county by contribution for the building of this bridge.

"Sergt. David Noble and Nathan Collins were chosen collectors to gather what money they can in New Haven county by contribution for the bridge.

"Nathan Gaylord was chosen collector to gather what money he can by contribution in New Milford for the building of the bridge."

Dec. 13, 1736. Committees were continued for building the bridge and for collecting money.

"Dec. 12, 1737. Nathan Gaylord, Daniel Bostwick and Azariah Canfield were chosen a committee to take care of the bridge and they shall have power to employ men on the town's cost to secure the bridge."

This was not a toll-bridge, but free, and resisted the floods about three years, when a part of it was carried away by a flood, and the town voted to repair the breach, but to petition the General Assembly to grant the liberty of a toll-bridge, and if this should be secured the toll should be distributed among those who paid tax to repair the bridge. The privilege for taking toll was granted, but it was so little that they petitioned the next spring for an increase of toll.

At the same time, they granted Rev. Daniel Boardman the privileges of the bridge free of cost; and to several families the same privileges, on paying ten shillings the first year; after that they were taxed as all others. By this arrangement it has been

ascertained when quite a number of families first came into the town.

At the same time, after appointing Mr. Samuel Canfield, Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick, and Mr. James Hine a committee to take care of and order the affairs of the bridge for a year, they ordered that "Gideon Benedict and Robert Bostwick shall pass and repass over the said bridge toll-free, they paying to the said committee, each of them, ten shillings old tenour currency, and also pay their part in repairing the said bridge according to their said list of estate; also Charles Duncombe shall pass toll-free over said bridge, he paying ten shillings; and also John Nearing on the same conditions." And, being in a bridge-building mood as well as in need of bridges, they ordered at this time that there should be a bridge built over the Aspetuck near its mouth, and that the surveyors should have "liberty of calling out the inhabitants from Mr. Stephens' house, taking the east lane so far northward as including Giles Oviatt's house and extending southward as far as the Great Brook, including Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick and Mr. Fisk and their families for one day, and all within said limits shall be allowed one day for the said work, and also Nathan Gaylord, Capt. Stephen Noble, and Joseph Welch are chosen a committee for ordering the affair of building said bridge."

Another vote for the freedom of the toll-bridge is found in March, 1743, in favor of Mr. George Mecune, Mr. Partridge Thatcher, Mr. Justus Miles, and John Comstock, provided they should pay ten shillings; receive no benefit from the toll-money, and afterward sustain their proportion of the cost of repairs on the bridge.

In December, 1743, a dividend was made of the receipts from the toll-bridge to the proprietors upon the list of 1740.

"Dec. 1743. All persons that shall pass or repass on the Sabbath or Lord's Day, between sun-rising and sun-set, in order to attend the public worship of God in a lawful congregation in New Milford, shall pass free from paying toll over the great bridge in said town for the ensuing year.

"Feb. 6, 1743-4. Voted that Mr. Roger Sherman shall pass and repass over the bridge and his family; he paying ten shillings.

"Dec. 1743. Voted that all Indian natives shall pass and repass over the bridge toll-free."

In 1750, the Assembly fixed the toll of the bridge in "Pro-

climation money" (quite different from old tenor) at "two pence farthing for each man, horse, and load, one penny for each single person, and one penny per head for each horse and neat kine, and an half for each sheep or swine, for five years."

In 1755, this bridge was carried away, most of it, and a new bridge built by the tax-payers of the town; and the Assembly granted, in February, 1756, the privilege of taking toll of all persons except the tax-payers of the town; but this bridge stood a little over one year when "a great part" of it went away in a flood. The town became discouraged at this calamity, and made a public offer, on certain conditions, to any company that would build a bridge and sustain it as a toll-bridge; and "Paul Welch, James Hine, Roger Sherman and others," are named as proprietors of the bridge. It is thought that it was at this time that the location of the bridge was changed from the foot of Bennitt street to where it is now standing.

In 1766, the bridge, or a considerable part of it, was carried away, and rebuilt; and, three years after, a part of it went off again; when, being repaired, it remained not a year, and was nearly all of it carried away, and they voted, in January, 1770, "that the town will relinquish all their right to any of their part in or to the remaining part of the Great Bridge, to the proprietors who shall rebuild the same in any place between the Little Falls and Wannupe Island."

It was after this manner that the people spent their money and labor to secure a good crossing to this river.

In 1802, after stages began to run for carrying the mail, the bridge was carried away, and the stage-coach company sued the town for damages in failing to make a crossing, and the town employed Homer Boardman to build a boat to be run across by a long rope, to meet the emergency, and the next spring they applied to the Assembly for the privilege of a toll-bridge.

CHAPTER X.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1743—1827.



IN 1708, the General Assembly of Connecticut passed what was called the Act of Toleration, by which all persons who soberly dissented from the worship and ministry by law established,—that is, the Congregational order,—were permitted to enjoy the same liberty of conscience with the Dissenters in England, under the act of William and Mary. That act exempted Dissenters from punishment for non-conformity to the established church, but did not exempt them from taxation for its maintenance. And therefore, by appearing before the County Court, and in legal forms declaring their sober dissent, any persons in the Colony of Connecticut could obtain permission to have public worship in their own way ; but they were still obliged to pay for the support of the Congregational churches in the place of their respective residences, in which the law followed the example of the mother country.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was chartered in England, June 16, 1701, and among its first acts was that of sending to this and other British colonies on the American continent, a missionary to itinerate and make personal observations. The individual selected for this purpose was George Keith, a Scotchman by birth, who, in connection with the Rev. John Talbot, a chaplain of a ship, visited New London, where they passed a Sunday ; and both of them preached, being invited to do so, by Mr. Gurdon Saltonstall, then the Congregational minister in that place, and afterwards the governor of the colony. He “civilly entreated them at his house, and expressed his good affection to the Church of England.” In general they reported of Connecticut that it contained “thirty thousand souls [in] about thirty-three towns, all Dissenters, supplied with ministers and schools of their own persuasion.”

The Rev. George Muirson was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1705, and sent as a missionary to the church of Rye, N. Y., and in the summer of 1706 he, with the Hon. Caleb Heathcote of New York, set out upon a journey to explore the shore towns from Greenwich to Stratford, at which latter place Mr. Muirson preached to a very numerous congregation, "and baptized about twenty-four, mostly grown people."

The Churchmen of Stratford were organized into a parish, with wardens and vestrymen, at the visit of Mr. Muirson in April, 1707.

Episcopal services were held in Newtown, as early as 1724, by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson, then pastor at Stratford, and in 1732, the Rev. John Beach was established as pastor in Newtown in that denomination.⁴

As to the introduction of Episcopal service into New Milford, the Rev. Stanley Griswold, in his centennial sermon, says: "Some individuals of this persuasion came into town at an early period; but no stated worship was held here till somewhere between the years 1740 and 1745. Worship was then carried on here first by the Rev. Mr. Beach of Newtown. One Mr. Barzillai Dean read service here for some years, then went to England for orders with a view to settle here on his return, but died in his passage."

Episcopal service was most probably held in this place as early as 1742, and perhaps several years earlier, for the Rev. Mr. Beach of Newtown attended a wedding service here in 1739. This seems quite probable, also, since early in 1743 there were a considerable number of Churchmen in the place, and a movement was made towards building a house of worship; and in view, probably, of supporting the preaching of the gospel after the manner of their own church, they objected to paying for the support of the Congregational minister, and hence the subject came up in a special town meeting, February 6, 1743-4: "Voted that the Churchmen shall be brought into the list to make up the minister's rate, according to the directions of the law." This "Rate" was for the regular salary of Mr. Daniel Boardman; but his health soon failed, so that additional moneys

⁴ Beardsley's History of the Church in Conn.

were to be raised for the maintaining of preaching, by calling in other ministers, when the following order was established. "June 6, 1744. Voted, that those of us that are of the Church of England shall be freed from paying any charge that shall arise by hiring any minister to come into the town to preach here, for the space of one year, provided that our circumstances remain as they now are; but if, by the providence of God, our reverend pastor should be taken away, so that we are obliged to call another minister for settlement within one year, then this vote to cease and be void, and the said Churchmen to be under the same regulations as the other inhabitants."

More than a year previous to this last vote, the interests of the Churchmen had been put into a definite form, according to the following record: "March 17, 1743. Voted, upon the desire of,

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| 1. HENRY GARLICK, | 7. THOMAS NOBLE, |
| 2. OBADIAH WELLER, | 8. GEORGE MECUEN, |
| 3. JOHN WELLER, | 9. CHARLES DUNCOMB, |
| 4. JOHN PRINDLE, | 10. DANIEL PICKETT, |
| 5. SAMUEL PRINDLE, | 11. WILLIAM HUTCHINGS, |
| 6. DANIEL PRINDLE, | 12. PARTRIDGE THATCHER, |

to grant them a piece of land in the street east of Mr. Samuel Prindle's house, upon the hill near where the old pound used to stand, sixty feet in length and forty feet in breadth, in order to build a Church of England upon, and for no other purpose.

"Voted, that the above named petitioners shall have liberty to use a piece of land eastward of Samuel Prindle's house of sixty feet in length and forty feet in breadth, the length to be east and west, to build a house for the worship of God during the time the house shall be kept on the land; also that Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick, David Noble, and Daniel Bostwick shall be a committee to set out the bounds of the said land."

The names of these twelve petitioners call to remembrance the twelve names of the first petitioners to the General Assembly for "Society privileges" in October, 1711, a little more than thirty-one years before, when there were, probably, only twelve families in the plantation; now there were in the neighborhood

of one hundred and twenty-five families in the town, for, in a town-meeting three years later, in a time of much interest in regard to the settling of a new minister, there were one hundred and fifteen legal voters present, who voted,—sixty-three for one candidate and fifty-two for the other. Here then is the **SECOND TWELVE**, long to be remembered, because they were the movers in the first public act which was to establish the sacred forms of worship in this denomination, in which the generations of this community for many ages should be blessed ;—a tree planted by the river of waters, growing strong and grand in centennial epochs, until its shadowing branches should invite thousands to its secure repose and safety. Feeble and faint, possibly, were these hands first lifted to plant this tree, but, after one hundred and thirty-eight years, a strong church bears testimony to the nobleness of the work begun so long ago. Could those plain but earnest twelve men have seen the foundations laid of the new edifice of granite, now rising in its symmetrical and beautiful proportions on the east side of the village-green, instead of the middle of the street, they would have felt stronger in their efforts in the days of seed-planting, and been able to say, with joyful hope of abundant golden harvests, Now lettest thou thy servants depart in peace, for we have seen a little of *Thy* glory. But little do the seed-sowers know what the harvest shall be. Since memory might fail of her duty to the departed great, it is well to pause here to make some little record as to who those twelve men of 1743 were.

1. *Henry Garlick* was in Milford, where his eldest child was born, in December, 1718, and he was in New Milford in March, 1721, when his name occurs in connection with the Common Field. He bought several small pieces of land between 1724 and 1730 ; had a large family, seven of which were sons. Rev. Stanley Griswold's sermon says he came from England. His eldest daughter was married to William, son of Dea. James Prime, by the Rev. John Beach of Newtown, in 1739, and the family had an honorable standing in the community. Henry Garlick did not join the Congregational Church, being, probably, an adherent to the Episcopal Church from the first, and was glad, doubtless, when he saw a probability that a house of worship according to his own faith was likely to be erected. The land

he purchased was on or near the Aspetuck, a little northeast of the old Nathan Gaylord place.

2. *Obadiah Weller* was the son of John, one of the first twelve settlers in New Milford. He was born in 1699; came with his father's family to this place, probably, in or before 1710, and at the time of the above petition he was forty-five years of age, and had a family of three children. He united with the Congregational Church in 1726, and seems to have been in good standing in 1731, when he was one of the nineteen who withdrew from that church, and united with the Quakers; and in 1743 he joined the Church of England.

3. *John Weller*, eldest son of John, Sen., born in 1694, came with his father to New Milford, as early as 1710, and married Lydia Waller of Woodbury, in 1723, and had a family of five sons. He united with the First Church in 1727.

4. *John Prindle*, born about 1705, was the son of Samuel Prindle, one of the first twelve settlers in this town. John's dwelling-house, at this time, was on "the west side of the Great River, on the west side of the Great Plain," near his brother Samuel's home, at the "Goose Pond." So said his father in a deed to his daughter. He united with the First Church in 1726, and in 1729 was suspended from communion for abusive language in regard to Rev. Daniel Boardman. In 1731 he united with the Quakers, and, after twelve years, gave his adherence to the Episcopal Church.

5. *Samuel Prindle*, son of Samuel, Sen., was residing at the time near his brother John Prindle's dwelling-house, on the west side of the plain. He united with the First Church in 1720; in 1731 he was one of the nineteen who left that Church and united with the Quakers, and, in 1743, he became an Episcopalian, according to this list, with his two brothers.

6. *Daniel Prindle*, brother of John and Samuel, had a family of four children, and resided, probably, with his father on the west side, south end of what is now the public green in New Milford village. He united with the First Church in 1727; with the Quakers in 1731, and with the Church of England in 1743.

7. *Thomas Noble*, born in 1712, the eldest son of John Noble, 2^d, married Mary Curtis, in 1737. He erected the first house north of Gallows Hill, where he resided until his decease,

in 1783, aged 71 years. He united with the First Church in 1727, was an active man in the town, and for many years one of the owners of the Iron Works, and was one of the principal supporters of the Episcopal Church. But few deserve more praise than he as a steady, true, and faithful Christian.

8. *George McEuen* came from Scotland, and had been in the town but a short time when he signed this petition. The first land he purchased was in 1745, near Plank Swamp, and he continued to purchase small pieces until he had secured a comfortable farm on the road to Merryall, where his descendants still reside. He was a very strong Churchman, so much so, it is related, that he objected to the Congregational people having a steeple on their meeting-house, saying that in England the law forbid dissenting churches to have steeples to their houses of worship. He is also reported to have said that he did not know, but by hearsay, that the Congregational meeting-house had a steeple, for he had never condescended to look at it, although often passing within a few rods of the building. Such energy of sentiment indicates the possession of great joy and delight in his own Church, against which no one at the present day objects. Mr. McEuen (now spelled Ewen), was a very upright, valuable citizen.

"Dec. 9, 1745. Voted, that a committee shall lease to Mr. George Mecuen one acre of land in the highway in New Milford at the south end of Plank Swamp, so called, for the term of two hundred years, for a sum that the said committee shall appraise the said land at, and measure and lay out said land; Mr. Samuel Canfield, Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, and Mr. Ebenezer Fisk, were chosen the committee for the above said work."

9. *Charles Duncomb* resided in the town but a few years.

10. *Daniel Pickett*, son of Doct. Thomas Pickett, born in 1719, was twenty-four years of age. He married Margaret Beardsley, in Stratfield, September 16, 1741, and died in 1794, having many years to work for the enterprise he so early espoused. He left a son Daniel, who had a family, and his descendants remained in the town until within a few years.

11. *William Hutchings*, married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Prindle. No family record of his has been seen. He purchased several pieces of land in 1742 and 3, and appears

to have resided on the west side of the plain south of the Indian burying-place, but afterwards resided below the Great Falls, on the east side of the river.

12. Partridge Thatcher, a lawyer, was a somewhat celebrated character in Litchfield county. He came from Lebanon, Windham county, and bought of Joel Hervey, of New Milford, a tract of land lying at or near the mouth of Rocky River, with a dwelling-house and barn, and three-fourths of a saw-mill standing on it, with all Mr. Hervey's "Right" in the township, for £815, January 4, 1742-3, and the other one-fourth of the saw-mill he bought nine days after, of Joseph Seelye, for £40. He purchased two other pieces of land soon after, for £165, and established himself very fairly as a farmer and business man, and as such was successful for many years. In 1774 he liberated one of his slaves, in 1780, two others, and in 1781, two more; an account of which may be seen elsewhere in this book. He possessed great energy of character, with decided religious and moral convictions, and, being such, and united to the Episcopal Church, he was just qualified to be, in the Revolutionary War, as he was, a full-blooded Tory; nevertheless, he possessed some very admirable qualities, and coming at the time he did into the town, he gave a decidedly favorable impulse and influence to the Church of England, as the Episcopal Church was then called, and the result was the erection of a house of worship in a few years. As to the liberation of his slaves, a pleasant story is still rehearsed as coming from one of those slaves, who, ever after the act of freedom, took great delight in repeating the story to her children and friends, as an act of great renown to Partridge Thatcher. She is said to have closed the rehearsal of the story always with this remark: "You see, children, it was this way; you would all have been slaves to this day if it had not been for Partridge Thatcher and God Almighty." He died January 9, 1786, in the seventy-second year of his age. The inscription on his tombstone was composed by himself.

Through Mr. Thatcher's efforts particularly, a lot of land was purchased in the Indian Field, in 1751, to the amount of £200, and deeded to the Wardens of this Church as a fund "for the use and benefit of the Church forever." In 1772 the Churchmen voted to sell this land, called a "Glebe lot," and purchase

a house and lot of Mr. Imus, "for the Rev. Mr. Clark to live in," and to pay £60 for the property.

He was the architect and builder of the second house of worship for the Episcopal Church, and probably for the first one also.

"December 13, 1756. Voted [in town meeting], that eight pounds old tenor money shall be and is given to Mr. Partridge Thatcher out of the town which he borrowed of the town a little before his mill was burnt. Voted in the affirmative by a great majority."

He is said to have been uncle to Jared Lane, who married in this town the same year Mr. Thatcher did.

The location of the first house of worship for the Episcopal people was at the extreme south end of the Green in New Milford village, and was erected probably in 1744, the next year after the vote to give them the privilege of locating it on the town street.

After Mr. Boardman's decease, and soon after the town vote to bestow a part of the Parsonage land upon the next Congregational minister who should be settled in the town, the following was passed in the Proprietors' meeting :

"*Proprietors' Meeting.* March 4, 1744-5. Voted, that those proprietors who are of the Church of England in this present day, and those of the Friends, in said New Milford, shall have their equal proportion of the Proprietors' Right, according to their Proprietary, set out to them, which shall be disposed of to encourage or support the Gospel in said New Milford ; that is to say, their equal proportion with those of the Presbyterian order that is now given or disposed of in quantity and quality.

"Voted, that a committee shall be chosen to set out the land that is granted for the Churchmen, and those called Friends, for quantity and quality, according to their grant aforesaid ; and at the same meeting Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, Joseph Ferriss, and Ebenczer Fisk were chosen a committee for the above work."

Rev. Mr. Griswold says, in his centennial sermon (and he had the best opportunity for knowing), that services were first "carried on here by the Rev. Mr. Beach of Newtown, between 1740 and 1745," and that "one Mr. Barzillai Dean read services here for some years, then went to England for orders with a view to

settle here on his return, but died on his passage." The following is a sample of the accessions this church received from time to time up to the Revolution: "Dec., 1748. In y^e same meeting, Jonah Dayton declared himself to be of y^e Episcopal order."

Rev. Solomon Palmer was the first Episcopal minister residing here. He was a Congregational minister in Cornwall; changed his views, and united with the Episcopal Church; went to England, where he received ordination in that denomination, and returned as a Missionary, stationed at New Milford, with a number of other towns as his parish. He purchased on May 27, 1755, the house and lot of Samuel Adkins, at the northern end of Aspetuck Hill, for £1,250, and also purchased land a little east of the old Pickett place,—where Mr. Henry Booth now resides,—on the hill, but where he resided is not known. He settled here in 1754, and removed to Litchfield about the year 1760.

Rev. Thomas Davies was the second settled minister in this church. He was sent here as a missionary in 1761, and, by the arrangement of the society under whose directions he labored, he was pastor of the churches of New Milford, Roxbury, Sharon, New Preston, and New Fairfield. Litchfield was added to his circuit as early as 1763, with occasional services at Washington, Kent, Woodbury, Cornwall, Salisbury, and Great Barrington, Mass.

He wrote on June 25, 1764: "In New Milford our church edifice is too small, and we have gathered most of the material for a new one, which we shall begin to build early next spring." In June, 1765, he wrote: "Our church in New Milford was raised this spring, which, if we can possibly finish, will be a very commodious building, having a steeple and chancel. To put forward this church, I have taken unwearied pains and expended all the money, not only that I could spare, but all I could get; and I am fearful, considering my farther capacity to help, and the present distressing circumstances of our country, that after all it will not be fit for service in some years." It was not wholly finished until 1793, when it was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Seabury, D.D. This building stood on the green, about thirty rods north of the first one, and near the locality of the present band-stand on the green. The architect and builder was Partridge Thatcher, Esqr. "The number of families under

Mr. Davies's care was 72, and the number of communicants 43."

Through his efforts the gift of a library was obtained from the Missionary Society. Mr. Davies overworked himself, took a severe cold, which produced a lung disease, from which he died May 12, 1766, a complete sacrifice to his energy and the difficulties around him. In his brief career as a minister he had become well-known; had been invited to settle at Hempstead, L. I., in 1764, and was mentioned quite extensively as the probable candidate for the office of bishop, when the Church in America should be allowed to elect one.

At his death Mr. Davies was the father of two children. The elder, William, resided with his grandfather Joel Hervey, of Sharon (formerly of New Milford), until he was thirteen years of age; then engaged in business, and, in 1799, went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he became the wealthiest man in Dutchess County. He died there about 1857, aged 94 years, leaving two sons, Thomas L. Davies, Esqr., and William Davies, both of Poughkeepsie.

On December 14, 1767, the town voted to "pay out of its treasury £14 10s. lawful money, to the Church of England, for their old church for a Town House, and that the town will this present year repair the Town House." This house was used for a town-house twenty years, until the old town and school-house that stood at the north end of the green was built.

Rev. Richard Clark, from Milford, was settled here as missionary pastor of this church in 1767, and remained twenty years, until 1787. In 1772, the "Glebe lot," in the Indian field, was sold by vote of the Churchmen, and a house and lot purchased of Mr. Innes for £60, for Mr. Clark to reside in, which house and lot may have been in the southeast part of the village, east of the old Pickett place.

The records of the doings of the Church of England were made in part by the clerk of the First Ecclesiastical Society for many years, in the same book with the doings of the First Society. The officers for the Church Society were appointed by the First Society, such as committee-men and collector of the minister's salary, and also meetings were called by the First Society,—as a mat-

¹ Rev. Mr. Acly's Historical Sermon.

ter of legality,—for the church to transact its own business, and the following is a record of such a meeting :

“November 26, 1773, the society meeting then opened according to adjournment. Voted, that the Church-wardens shall hire a house for Rev. Mr. Clark for the year ensuing, and shall let out the present Glebe house and lot, and what the hire of a house shall cost more than the Glebe lot will let for shall be made up in the minister's rate.

“Voted, that the Donation notes they called in and laid out in the Glebe house and lot, if any overplus, be laid out in land for the church.

“Voted, that Daniel Pickett shall be a committee-man to assist the Church-wardens in laying and selling and calling in the Donation notes for the benefit of the church.

“Voted, that Abel Gillett shall be a committee for the same purpose.

“Voted, that the Church-wardens and the above committee, or the major part of them, shall have liberty to sell the present Glebe house and lot, and purchase some other house and land that they shall think convenient and proper, and lay out the money that the Glebe lot sells for, and to pay the same as far as it will go, and to pay the remainder out of the Donation money.”

According to the above instructions, Daniel Pickett and Abel Gillett, as church-wardens of St. John's Church, purchased, on February 7, 1775, of Smith Clark and Jane Clark, of Litchfield, the house and lot known for many years as the Glebe, now occupied by Mrs. Eli Mygatt,—the present house having been built since that time.

Mr. Clark was here during the Revolutionary War, and did well, so far as known, under the very great difficulties which surrounded him. The church fell behind in paying him, as appears by the following record, made in the First Society's records :

“Dec. 27, 1784. Jesse Noble and John McEwen, Jr., chosen to collect the rate payable from the professors of the Church of England to the Rev. Richard Clark, made upon the lists of 1778 and 1779, and William Gillett, Jr., and the said John McEwen, Jr., to collect the rate on list 1780, and John McEwen and Elnathan Noble to collect the rate on the list 1781, and also Ephraim Richmond and William McEwen to collect the rate upon the list 1782 ; all the above-named collectors to

collect the several sums legally made upon each of said lists respectively, and pay the same to the society treasurer by the day of May, 1785."

But Mr. Clark, after long years of patient work amidst great darkness of circumstances, became disheartened just at the dawn of day, and removed to Nova Scotia, taking with him all the books of the library Rev. Mr. Davies had secured. This conduct has seemed strange to many, but it will not, if it is remembered that at that time it was quite generally supposed that the Episcopal Church would be speedily banished from the United States. Mr. Clark, most probably, supposed that unless he took the library with him, it would soon fall into the hands of the Congregationalists, and that therefore, he, as a faithful Churchman, should secure it for the church to whom it belonged, to be used elsewhere.

Rev. Tillotson Bronson officiated about one year following, some little time after Mr. Clark.

Rev. Truman Marsh was settled in this parish in 1790, and remained nine years, when he returned to Litchfield, where he died March 28, 1851. In the autumn of 1790, he married, in Litchfield, Clarissa, daughter of Moses Seymour of that place. She was aunt to Chief Justice S. O. Seymour, and Gov. Horatio Seymour of New York. The wedding party left Litchfield in the morning after the wedding services, and proceeding toward New Milford, were met by a number of carriages as an escort to the parsonage (where the Treadwell house now stands) in the village, where the ladies had provided an introductory dinner and greeting. After dinner, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Griswold, being college classmates, devoted the passing hours to a review of earlier years, and the company adjourned to the rooms of the old Town House, which stood at the head of Main street, where, with appropriate music, the party enjoyed the afternoon in dancing,—the two ministers' wives having the honor of leading the company at the first dance.

When Mr. Marsh was settled here, the Episcopal house of worship was in an unfinished state; it being the second one built for this church, and was erected in 1765, under Mr. Davies's pastorate. In September, 1790, just at the time Mr. Marsh commenced his labors here, the town entered upon the work of selling the superabundance of land in the wide highways in the

town, for the benefit of all the ecclesiastical societies in the town. The Proprietors of these lands and the town meeting passed votes to this effect, and these lands thus donated were called Donation Lands. The whole amount of money realized from these sales, effected during several years, was a little over £295, which, being divided according to the tax-list of each society, gave to the Episcopal society £46. A part of this money had been obtained, and was divided to the societies in June, 1793, the Episcopal body receiving then £27, and with that and other contributions their house of worship was finished, and was the same year consecrated by Bishop Samuel Seabury. Rev. Mr. Davies, in a report, said of this edifice, in 1765: "Our church was raised this spring, which, if we can possibly finish, will be a very commodious building, having a steeple and chancel." This house, when finished, had a front gallery, a high pulpit with winding stairs, slips for the body-seats, and pews on the sides of the house, and in this house the congregation worshipped until 1837 or '38.

The Episcopal Church was prosperous during Mr. Marsh's pastorate, but the few years immediately following, under the remarkable popular labors of Mr. Griswold, the Congregational Church was very successful, and the Episcopal, being without a pastor, lost ground so much that the next minister in the parish could be supported by it only in part. At the time,—1799,—that Mr. Marsh returned to Litchfield, the fever-and-ague prevailed in New Milford severely, and Mr. Marsh and his wife, being ill with it on alternate days, went each on the well day, one going one day and the other on the following day.

Rev. Benjamin Benham was installed in St. John's parish in March, 1807, after preaching here several months. His engagement was for one-third of his time in this parish at a salary from it of \$500, and New Preston and Roxbury were annexed to St. John's, and afterwards he took the additional work of the Episcopal Church in Brookfield; but, during his labors of twenty years, the parish so increased that for several of his last years here St. John's parish supported him, and he gave all of his time to it. When under Mr. Elliott's labors in the Congregational Church here, all the old Half-way Covenant members were dropped, about 1810, it was the day of strength and prosperity

to the Episcopal Church. There can be but little doubt, also, that many of these Half-way Covenant members who were thrown out, were just as good and true Christians as any who had ever joined the Church before or since that day. Having served here just twenty years, Mr. Benham resigned his place in March, 1827, and removed to Brookfield, where he died Oct. 3, 1854. During his pastorate, a fund was established, the interest of which was to be applied for the support of public worship, and in 1815 the first bell was procured for this Church.

Public Schools.

If a consecutive history of the public schools of the town could be given, it would be a most interesting chapter, and would develop the characteristics of the citizens in a very correct degree in the general; but the records are so meager, and the men and women who might have given a fair report on this subject being all gone, the best that can be done will be only fragmentary, and will give but little real account of what has been accomplished. It is interesting to know, however, that when there were but about twenty-five families residing in the town a public school was ordered in the following action in town meeting: "Sept. 21, 1721. It was by vote agreed that there should be a school maintained for four months this winter following, the town to bear half the charge of said school." The following statements are taken from the records of town meetings:

"Dec. 11, 1721. It was agreed that a committee be chosen to hire a schoolmaster, and the committee are John Bostwick, Sen., William Gaylord, and Stephen Noble, and they are empowered to do their work.

"Dec. 10, 1722. Zechariah Ferriss, Benjamin Bunnell, and Stephen Noble were chosen a committee for a school and empowered to raise so much money as they shall find necessary in sending out and hiring a schoolmaster for three months in the winter, and a schoolmistress or master for three months in the summer.

"Sep. 28, 1723. Wm. Gaylord, John Weller, and Roger Brownson were chosen a committee for a school, and they shall raise money for the school as the law directs. It was agreed that the scholars shall find themselves wood by an equal proportion.

"Dec. 11, 1724. Voted, that children from the age of seven years to twelve shall pay to the school hire in New Milford.

"Dec. 22, 1724. Voted, that children that are above twelve years of age or under seven, shall pay to the school according to the time they go in equal proportion with other scholars for the time they go, and Sergt. James Prime, Ens. William Gaylord, and John Weller, Sen., were chosen to order the prudentials of the school, to hire a schoolmaster, and to hire a house and other necessary things; and that the school shall be kept three months in the winter, and three months in the summer.

"Jan. 14, 1725-6. Voted, that there shall be a school-house built this next spring.

"Voted, that the house shall be twenty feet long and sixteen feet wide and seven feet between joints: and Sargt. Benjamin Bunnell, James Prime, and Jonathan Buck were chosen to order the building of said house; and they are empowered to raise a rate to defray the charge of this house.

"Mar. 3, 1728-9. At a meeting of the proprietors of the Common Field, it was voted that the meetings should be holden at the school-house until it was finished."

The location of this house has not been ascertained. In 1729, the regulations fixed by the town allowed children from seven to twelve years of age to pay in proportion to the time they attended, but older ones probably paid an equal share.

About 1732 a school was established at the "South Farms," an account of which may be seen in the chapter on Brookfield. The first school-house at that place was near Capt. John Warner's house, but soon after another was built at the Iron Works.

In 1745, a school-house was established "in the highway eastward from David Camp's house-lot, at the north end of Plank Swamp, about six rods northward from said swamp," and on the same site has been a school-house ever since, a new one having been built in 1881. This locality was first called Poplar Swamp, next, Plank Swamp, then for many years Pug Lane, but now Park Lane.

Besides all that was done by public moneys for the schools of the town, a legacy in land was left by Benoni Stebbins, who died in 1758, to the First Society, which land, or a part of it, was sold to Mrs. Stebbins and Zachariah Sanford in 1759, for two hundred pounds, money. Then the society voted to establish a new school district, which included what is now the northern part of the village of New Milford, with considerable territory extending southward nearly to the Falls. At that time what is now Park Lane was as much of a village, if not more, than where the village now stands, and in obedience to the directions of the Stebbins Legacy, a school-house was erected in harmony with the following:

"Voted, that there may be a school-house built between Doct. John Carrington's dwelling-house [which was a little way west from Mr. William Bostwick's present dwelling] and Daniel Burritt's shop, to keep a school in for improvement of Mr. Benoni Stebbins' donation, given to this society, for that purpose."

In 1760, the town on the west side of the Housatonic was divided into only two school districts, and the distance for some of the children to walk must have been nearly three miles.

The school kept at the Stebbins school-house was a kind of free academy some years, as indicated by the following :

"Voted, that the school-house built by Messrs. Amos Northrop, Samuel Canfield, and their associates, near the widow Susannah Carrington's dwelling-house, which said school-house is known by the name of Stebbins' School-house, that the sole property of the same does rest in the proprietors that built the house ; and that the proprietors of said house shall have the use and improvement of Mr. Stebbins' donation given to this society, provided said proprietors shall use and improve said money between the first day of April and the last day of October annually, and that the school shall be free for any of the inhabitants of this society to send to said school."

By certain acts of the General Assembly, several townships of "Western Lands" in Connecticut were sold, and the proceeds devoted to aid the public schools of the State. The last of these lands, the town of Norfolk, was sold the second time in 1754, soon after which (in 1762) New Milford drew her proportion, and from that time the schools of the town were conducted with more energy and liberality. The large territory of the town was divided again and again until the Revolution, and in several instances three or four families, at a distance from any school-house, were allowed to unite together in holding a school among themselves, and to draw their proportion of public funds for the support of schools.

Ecclesiastical Society meeting, Jan. 3, 1782.

"Voted, that the several school districts in said society be each one numbered and named, by which they shall hereafter be called and known."

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| 1. Centre District. | 7. Dunning's District. |
| 2. Northrup's District. | 8. Noble's District. |
| 3. Pinchgut District. | 9. Chestnutland District. |
| 4. Second Hill District. | 10. Down Town District. |
| 5. Neck District. | 11. Buck's District. |
| 6. Bennitt's District. | 12. Boardman's District. |

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| 13. Cranbury District. | 18. Long Mountain District. |
| 14. Woodcreek District. | 19. Gaylord's District. |
| 15. Townhill Brook District. | 20. Mount Tom District. |
| 16. Paine's District. | 21. Zachariah Ferris's District. |
| 17. Stilson's District. | |

"In town meeting, Dec. 24, 1787, Voted, that the town will give £60, L. M'y [lawful money] out of the Town Treasury to the three centre districts and also the old town house as it now stands, for the purpose of building a new town house, as some of the members of said districts propose to build a school and town-house both under the same roof,—in consideration of the town giving them £60 and the old town house as aforesaid. [The old town house was that which had been the first Episcopal Church.]

"Also voted, that Messrs. Stephen Chittenden, Jabez Worster, Martin Warner, Elizur Warner, Reuben Bostwick, Dea. Benj. Gaylord, and Benj. Buckingham be and are a committee to agree upon and affix the place where said house shall be built, and also to determine the dimensions and construction of said house, and that they meet on next Monday for said purpose.

"Also voted, that one person from each of said districts viz.: Mess. Reuben Booth, Josiah Starr and David Northrop, meet with the abovesaid committee to agree upon the dimensions and manner in which said house shall be built.

"At the desire of the town of New Milford and according to the within votes of said town, we the subscribers met on Monday the 31st day of December instant, at the house of Col. Josiah Starr, and having heard the arguments for and against the several places which are proposed to have a town and school-house set upon: having viewed all the different proposed places proper for said building and having weighed the arguments, do adjudge that it will be the most convenient place to have the town and school-house built at the north end of the town street, north of the cross highway, south of Dart's shop, a little easterly of a large rock in the street at a heap of stones made by us; and that the said house be built thirty-six feet long and twenty-two feet wide with eighteen feet posts, with a chimney at each end; the first story to be eight feet high, the second story to be ten feet high and arched, the roof to be straight.

Benjamin Gaylord,
Stephen Chittenden,
Reuben Bostwick,
Elizur Warner,
Josiah Starr,

Jabez Worster,
Benjamin Buckingham,
Martin Warner,
David Northrop,
Reuben Booth."

After this report a subscription was arranged and circulated to secure the necessary additional funds to complete the building. The heading of the subscription is a recapitulation of the town vote, and the above report of the committee; the following are the names attached to it:

Daniel and E. Boardman,	£14	Lemuel, Jr., and	
Thomas Hayes,	7	Solomon Bostwick,	£1 10s.
Samuel Bostwick,	7	Samuel Garlick,	16s.
Oliver Bostwick,	2	Richard Bristol,	2
Lemuel Thomas,	3	John Bailey,	6s.
Ebenezer Baldwin,	7	P. — Garlick,	1 10s.
Benj. and Bradley Seelye,	5	Abijah Bennett,	1 4s.
William Clark,	7	Nathaniel Taylor, Rev.,	3
Nathaniel Taylor, 3d,	7	Abraham Williams,	12s.
Thomas Wells,	2 10s.	Daniel Noble,	1
David Northrop,	3	John Welch, three	
Josiah Starr,	5	days work,	
John Comstock,	3	John Cole,	1 10s.
Angus Nicholson, three		David Camp, Jr.,	8s.
thousand feet of oak		Jonathan Mygatt,	2
boards at mill,	6	Enoch Buck,	6s.
Elisha Noble,	2	Eli Todd,	1
Sherman Boardman,	4	Daniel Hines,	1 10s.
Abel Weller,	1 10s.	Stephen Miles,	15s.
Abel Gunn,	1 10s.	Daniel Everitt,	4
Edward Howel Prime,	6s.	Nathan Daton,	11s.
Noah Bunnel,	6s.	Nicholas Masters,	3
Jonathan Baldwin,	18s.	Wm. Taylor,	3
Abel Buckingham,	6s.	Noah Mygatt,	1 10s.
Nehemiah Platt,	6s.	Isaac Beach,	12s.
N. Beecher Fisher,	3s.	Stephen Chittenden, Jr.,	7s.
Nathan Stilson,	8s.	Samuel Couch,	1
Andrew Hendrick,	1 4s.	Amos Collins,	6s.
David Fairchild,	6s.	Ben. Starr Mygatt,	1 10s.
Eleazer Fairchild, Jr.,	6s.		
John Baldwin,	11s. 3d.		£128-14-3
Abiel Baldwin,	12s.		

The building was erected, and, in December, 1787, the town voted that the upper and lower parts should be finished ; and in 1794 seats were put into the Town-House part, and a desk for the moderator.

CHAPTER XI:

THE LEGAL CHURCH IN TROUBLE.

1748—1790.



DEOUS are the ways, often, which cost the greatest sacrifice of personal preferences, and the richer the rewards obtained; but the making of sacrifices very costly, difficult or hard, by error or otherwise, for the purpose of enhancing the reward, brings no profit here or hereafter. Religion is a costly enterprise, but it brings its legitimate reward in every land and under every form, just like all other enterprises. It is only when absolute truth is received and obeyed, that true profit unto life eternal is obtained. The struggle for truth is the great conflict in this world, whether the fact is recognized or not by the actors. Truth,—the same truth, may take on many forms, and the reality be unchanged; for if it were not so, then one church must be right and all the others wrong; and one shower of rain would be right, and all the others wrong; and one day's sunshine right, and all the others wrong.

As we are to learn from the experiences of men, we may profit by the study of their errors as well as their ways of wisdom. In view of this, the records of the Half-way Covenant Church method are given a larger place in this history than otherwise would have been conceded.

As soon as the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor was ordained, he found himself in the midst of several fires, which seemed ready to try his doctrine, courage, and intellectual strength to the utmost. The Episcopalians stood ready to baptize all the children of the community, if only granted the privilege, and the division of sentiment in the First Church gave them larger opportunity than they had previously possessed, and the disaffected Congregationalists were talking of separation. He had received the settlement of one thousand pounds upon the explicit information

and agreement that, if he deviated in his faith and practice from the Saybrook Platform, he would lose the one thousand pounds and be dismissed. It was rather a close place. So long as he had no scruples as to that platform, backed up by the political power of the General Court, there was no trouble; but if, while preparing his sermons, he should discover that the General Court might not be good authority in church government, down would come the whip in the thought of losing the one thousand pounds, and the logic of that argument had a strong influence to keep him sound in the topics of the day, if he was like other men.

Then he prepared his church record. A place was arranged for the Half-way Covenanters, and another for the full sheep of the flock; but soon it was found that the Half-way sheep column was filling up fast, while only now and then a stray full sheep came in, except those who came from a neighboring flock; but no matter—the one thousand pounds logic stood, as ever, square in the way.

Among his sermons, still preserved, is one from Dr. Increase Mather's book, on the right of baptizing infants of believers who had not joined the church; and it must be confessed that Mr. Mather's logic and the one thousand pounds had great affinity for each other. Then, in 1768, we find him paying some attention to the Separates, from the text: "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the spirit."

The Quakers had built their first meeting-house about or in 1741, and their society or membership was increasing in numbers and influence.

The Episcopalians had built their first house of worship in 1746, two years before the settlement of Mr. Taylor, and the divided state of the Congregational people made the situation for Mr. Taylor very difficult,—severely so to the courage even of a young man.

The records of the church show that he was a skillful manager, for, after the difficulties began to accumulate, he, instead of taking an arbitrary course of dictation, called together his church and secured action by them and their committees, in the true Congregational way; which had the effect to relieve himself of responsibility, and to bind the church in stronger bonds of unity.

Hence the following records, made by himself:

"Sept. 12, 1750. At a Church meeting legally warned to consider of several things:

"It was proposed whether the Church don't look upon it, that every one who has acknowledged the covenant and been received under the watch and care of the church are as liable to be dealt with for any misdemeanor as those who have been partakers at the Lord's Table? Voted in affirmative, no one contradicting. [It was simply arbitrary assumption to make persons subject to discipline who had never consented to anything of the kind; but something must be done.]

"Also, proposed what methods we should take with those persons who were in full communion with us and also with those who had withdrawn from us upon the Sabbath? Voted, that an enquiring committee should be appointed to go and enquire into the particular reasons of each one, and make their report to the church. Accordingly, Dea. Samuel Canfield, Dea. Eleazer Beecher, and Leut. James Hine were appointed.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR, moderator.

"Some time after, Eleazer Beecher absented himself from us, and Dea. Canfield and Leut. Hine enquired into things, and made report to the Church, and a Church-meeting was warned February following. Eleazer Beecher and his wife, Jonathan Buck and his wife, Ann the wife of Joseph Buck, David Beardsley and his wife, Jonathan Botsford, Lemuel Bostwick and his wife, Ebenezer Hotchkiss and Ellen Mackeny [twelve] were all cited to appear and give in their reasons for their separations. Accordingly, they appeared and mentioned some things why, and among the rest they fully denied the Say-Brook Platform.

"But they urged that they had not had sufficient time for consideration and desired further opportunity. Accordingly, it was granted them; the meeting adjourned till the 26th of March; these our brethren promising that they would appear without putting us to any further trouble, and give in the reasons for their conduct in writing, and their articles. Accordingly the Church met upon the 26th of March, 1751, but those people brought nothing in writing, neither would they give their reasons, and cast very hard reflections upon the Civil and Ecclesiastical authority; but at length agreed to meet a committee at my house upon the last Tuesday in April; Dea. Canfield, Capt. Bostwick, Leut. Hine, Dea. Bostwick and Roger Sherman were appointed the committee. It was adjourned till the first Tuesday in May, and then appeared Jonathan Buck, Jonathan Botsford, Eleazer Beecher, Ebenezer Hotchkiss and Anna Bostwick, and afterwards Elleanor Mackeny and Frances Beecher, and signed some reasons offered in writing which the Church judged to be no reasons at all, and returned them an answer in writing together with an admonition to return to us.

"June 5th, at a Church meeting, voted that Lemuel Bostwick, David Beardsley and his wife, Jonathan Buck's wife, and Joseph Buck's wife should be admonished to return to us as those who refused to give any reasons; accordingly it was done.

"Joseph Ruggles also having offended in the same form as the aforementioned persons, but he removing to New Haven, could not with conveniency be attended upon with the same steps as the others could, therefore was neglected some time longer, till at length, some time in the winter, in the year 1752, he sought to be recommended to the church at New Haven, under the pastoral charge of Mr. Samuel Bird; but it was not granted by the Church, and some time in February, he, the said Ruggles, appeared personally and desired a dismissal, and gave in these following reasons, viz.: 'Inasmuch as I have absented myself from your communion, supposing you to be upon an anti-Christian power with respect to government and discipline, and further I apprehend that the doctrines of grace which I hold to, viz.:

the Calvinist Doctrines, you are not strict enough in, and therefore I desire you would dismiss me from your watch and care, as witness my hand, JOSEPH RUGGLES.' But before he personally appeared, there was a Church meeting warned, when it was concluded to send Mr. Ruggles a letter informing him that the Church could not recommend him, giving these reasons: because they judged his conduct had not been according to the gospel: he had absented himself from the Communion of the Church and neglected the public worship of God upon the Lord's Day, attending upon lay preaching, countenancing an unlawful and unchristian separation and casting hard reflections upon the Church of Christ and the standing minister; and also he was desired in the letter at the same time to come and make suitable satisfaction. Accordingly, he came as above mentioned, and refused to make any satisfaction at all, but insisted to be either recommended or dismissed, leaving the above-mentioned reasons; upon which another Church meeting was warned, and what he offered were esteemed to be no sufficient reasons, because he never tried to get any of the difficulties removed before he drew off in the manner above related. Besides, the platform which he urged he was upon was right in the face of the reasons which he offered with respect to discipline, viz.: that the difference of government in the Cambridge and Saybrook Platforms should not break Communion: therefore it was concluded to give him another opportunity to return and make satisfaction; upon which a letter was sent to the said Ruggles informing him that his reasons were not esteemed sufficient, admonishing and desiring him in a Christian, brotherly manner to return and make satisfaction, otherwise the Church must proceed to deal with him according to the nature of the crime, according to the direction of our Platform, page 105. Upon which Mr. Ruggles sent us a letter and denies doing anything to make up the difficulty, and has declared publicly to the members of the Church that he will not. Upon which another Church meeting was warned for April 20th, 1752; at which time it was voted that we had taken due pains with Mr. Ruggles to retain him. Also voted that we should proceed according to the afore-mentioned page of the Platform as soon as should be convenient; which was done the 6th day of May following.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR, Pastor."

"Some time after, Ann, the wife of Joseph Buck, and David Beardsley returned and made satisfaction and were accepted by the Church. Some time after, David Beardsley's wife returned and was accepted.

N. TAYLOR, Pastor."

Notwithstanding all these efforts, the Separate Congregational Church was organized in May, 1753, and the spirit of rivalry took full possession of the Congregational people, as to themselves, as well as in regard to the other two churches in the community. The forlorn consolation drawn from these facts is that sometimes rivalry saves a community from stagnation. What is more pitiable, this church was now acting against doctrines and principles under which, twenty years later, they were most anxious to place themselves, as will be seen hereafter.

A New Meeting-house.

Mr. Taylor was ordained in the old meeting-house, which stood above Elm street on Aspetuck hill, just in the rear of the

present barn of Mr. Levi S. Knapp, and which house began to need repairing. Consequently in December, 1748, the town voted "to raise the sum of twelve pound money to repair the meeting-house, upon the Presbyterian order." With the repairs, whatever they were, the old meeting-house continued to be used six or seven years longer.

In a town meeting in January, 1751, an adjournment was made to the meeting-house, where they voted that "all those persons of said Church of England and the Friends shall be freed from paying any dues towards the building of or repairing any meeting-house."

"At the same meeting, voted that they would build a new meeting-house in said New Milford."

In the next February another town meeting was held, and a very considerate and sensible vote was passed, that: "Whereas there was a vote by said society taken on y^e 14th of January last, for erecting a new meeting-house for the public worship of God, and there are some branches of said town may be likely to be set off into societies by themselves so as not to be benefited by the meeting-house now to be erected for said town; it is voted by said town that the inhabitants of such part or parts of said town as shall obtain liberty of y^e Hon^{bl} General Assembly of this Colony to be a society or societies by themselves, or to gather with any of y^e inhabitants of other towns at or before the expiration of four years next ensuing, that then they shall have paid to them by said town towards the building of a meeting-house or meeting-houses within their society or societies, so much money as was paid on their list towards the meeting house now to be built for said town. Voted in the affirmative by a clear majority."

Upon this another vote was taken whether the meeting-house should be built, the result being fifty-two in the affirmative, and twenty-four in the negative, and the following building committee was appointed: Capt. Joseph Bostwick, Azariah Canfield, Joseph Canfield, Lieut. John Warner, and Ens. John Hitchcock.

"Voted, that said meeting-house shall be built in New Milford, fifty-six feet in length, and forty-four feet in width. Thirty votes in the affirmative, and two in the negative.

"Voted that there shall be a rate raised of twelve pence on

the pound upon the present list, to be laid out in preparation to build the aforesaid meeting-house.

"Voted that there shall be a memorial preferred to the General Assembly to pray for a land tax upon the non-resident proprietors of New Milford, of two pence per acre proclamation money, to continue four years."

The vote to return money upon the formation of other societies was occasioned by a petition from the South Farms (now in Brookfield), in 1743, for society privileges, to which New Milford had consented, and although it had not been granted was likely to be, in a few years; and another movement of the kind which had already been started at what is now New Preston.

But it required much more than votes to build a meeting-house in a town so sadly divided in religious sentiments and principles of church government, and therefore the matter passed until April 27, 1752, when another vote was taken to build the house: fifty-eight votes in the affirmative, and eighteen in the negative; and a committee was appointed to call on the County Court for a committee "to affix a place to build a meeting-house upon." Thus the question rested until the 21st of November, 1752, when they put the matter in a shape to have something done.

"It was voted in said meeting that there shall be a meeting-house for the public worship of God built in and for said town, sixty feet long, and forty-four feet wide, and twenty-seven feet the height of the posts."

"Voted, that Nathaniel Bostwick, Esq., Capt. John Warner, Paul Welch, Esqr., Sergt. Daniel Bostwick, Ens. Joseph Canfield, Lieut. James Hine, and Mr. Amos Northrop shall be a committee to go forward with the building of said meeting-house." These men were not to be stopped by trifles, being the generally-admitted leaders in the town, and all having wealth of their own.

Roger Sherman was appointed treasurer to raise the money, by a tax of two shillings, old tenor, on the pound, and pay out the same upon the order of the committee. Also, at the same time, they "Voted, that the shingles for covering the roof of said meeting-house, shall be eighteen inches long, five inches wide one with another, and three-quarters of an inch thick.

"Voted, that the clapboards shall be white oak, and be four feet and two inches long, and lie out four inches wide, being sufficiently lapt, and also be half an inch thick on the back, lap being taken out.

"Voted, that there shall be part of the money to be raised by the aforesaid rate, used for repairing the old meeting-house in said town."

At the next session of the Assembly, (May, 1753,) a petition was presented, to obtain help in building this house, and in it the difficulties and situation is clearly stated; and the petition bears the evidences of the work of Mr. Nathaniel Taylor. Daniel Bostwick, and Bushnell Bostwick were appointed to present this petition to the Assembly.

To the Honorable General Assembly of his majesties English Colony of Connecticut, in New England, to be holden at Hartford, in the County of Hartford, on the Second Thursday of May, A. D., 1753.

The memorial of Stephen Noble, Samuel Canfield, & Paul Welch, Inhabitants of the town of New Milford in the County of Litchfield, and the rest of the Inhabitants of said New Milford—Humbly sheweth:

"That there is need of Building a New Meeting-House for the Publick Worship of God in said New Milford for the Professors of the Presbyterian-Congregational order, as established by the Laws of this Colony; And your Memorialists, having taken such measures as the Law directs for affixing and ascertaining the Place whereon to Build said Meeting-House, have proceeded to Raise a Tax on the Inhabitants, of said town, of two shillings on the pound in the common List toward Defraying the charges of Building the same; And your Memorialists would humbly beg leave to inform your Hon^{rs} that there is about one-third part of all the Lands within the Bounds of said Township which belong to Non-resident Proprietors and lye unimproved: so that the Burthen of Supporting the Ministry & Defraying other Publick charges is much greater on the present Inhabitants of said Town, than it would be if those Lands were Inhabited and improved and the owners of such Lands have had their Estates greatly advanced by means of said Towns being settled and Inhabited without their bearing any part of the Burthen and Cost of settling the same (except a small Rate when the former Meeting House, and ye Minister's House were Built about thirty Years ago,) and a Right of Land in said Township, which, at the time when said Town first began to be settled, was valued at but about five pounds, would now, without any Labour done on it, sell for Three thousand pounds or more: and your Memorialists would farther beg leave to Inform this Hon^{ble} Assembly that there are many of the Inhabitants of said New Milford who dissent from the way of Worship Established by the Laws of this Colony & are by Law exempted from paying Rates for the Building of Meeting-Houses and maintaining of Ministers. So that the Burthen will be very great on ye Memorialists if they must be at the whole cost of Building said Meeting-House; And ye Memorialists humbly conceive that it is highly Just and reasonable that the Non-resident Proprietors aforesaid should bear some of the Cost & Charge of Building said House, because of the advantage that will accrue to them thereby in Enhancing the value of

their Lands, and when those Lands shall be settled and Inhabited, it is likely that the persons that shall settle thereon will be benefited by said Meeting-House as well as the present Inhabitants of said Town. Wherefore your Memorialists humbly Pray that this Hon^{ble} Assembly will be pleased to Enact & Decree that all the Unimproved Lands within the s^d Town of New Milford, which belong to Persons not Residing in said Town,—excepting such Farms as have on them Buildings and improvements voted in ye list,—shall be taxed at one penny Lawfull money on the acre annually for four years next ensuing, to be paid by the owners of s^d Lands (in Lawfull money or Bills of Publick Credit Equivalent thereto), toward Defraying the charges of Building said Meeting-House, or that said Lands may be taxed at such other Rate, and for such other term of time as your Hon^{rs} in your Great Wisdom shall think fit, for the use aforesaid, or some other way Grant Relief to your Memorialists who as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray.

New Milford, May the 14th, A. D. 1753.

STEPHEN NOBLE,
SAMUEL CANFIELD,
PAUL WELCH.

The tax was allowed for two years.

The record of the town meetings gives no certainty as to when the meeting-house was completed, but a vote, passed in December, 1754, returning the money collected from Newberry and New Preston societies, which societies had been formed according to anticipation, indicates the certainty of the house having been built in 1754. And the town also voted liberty for the "Sabbada house" to be built near the meeting-house, and that the old meeting-house should be sold for the benefit of the town.

In the historical sermon of Rev. Mr. Griswold, delivered in 1801, are found the following corroborating statements :

"The house in which we are now assembled, being the second meeting-house, was built in the year 1754, about forty-seven years ago. The first Episcopal church was built in the year 1746; the second, which is the one now standing, began to be built in the year 1765, was raised in 1766, about thirty-five years ago. It was finished and consecrated A.D. 1793. The Strict Congregationalists, usually called Separates, erected their house of worship in the year 1761, forty years ago, which is now standing. The Friends, commonly called Quakers, built their meeting-house not far from the year 1742, now standing, though in another place than where it was first set. Another communion of Friends, followers of Jemima Wilkinson, built a house of worship in the north end of the town about fifteen or twenty years ago [1784], but it is now owned and occupied by the Epis-

copalians of New Preston. The Baptists erected a house of worship in the south end of the town called the Neck, eleven or twelve years ago, but it is sold and now used for another purpose."

From the records of the First Ecclesiastical Society, which begin in 1753, we learn something further about the second meeting-house.

"Feb. 7, 1754. Voted, that the meeting-house . . . shall be erected in the town street, east from Joseph Northrop's dwelling-house and west from Samuel Comstock's well, where there is a heap of stones erected."

The well spoken of is still in existence, although covered ; it being under the sidewalk, directly in front of the new Episcopal Church, at the corner of Main street and Whittelsey avenue.

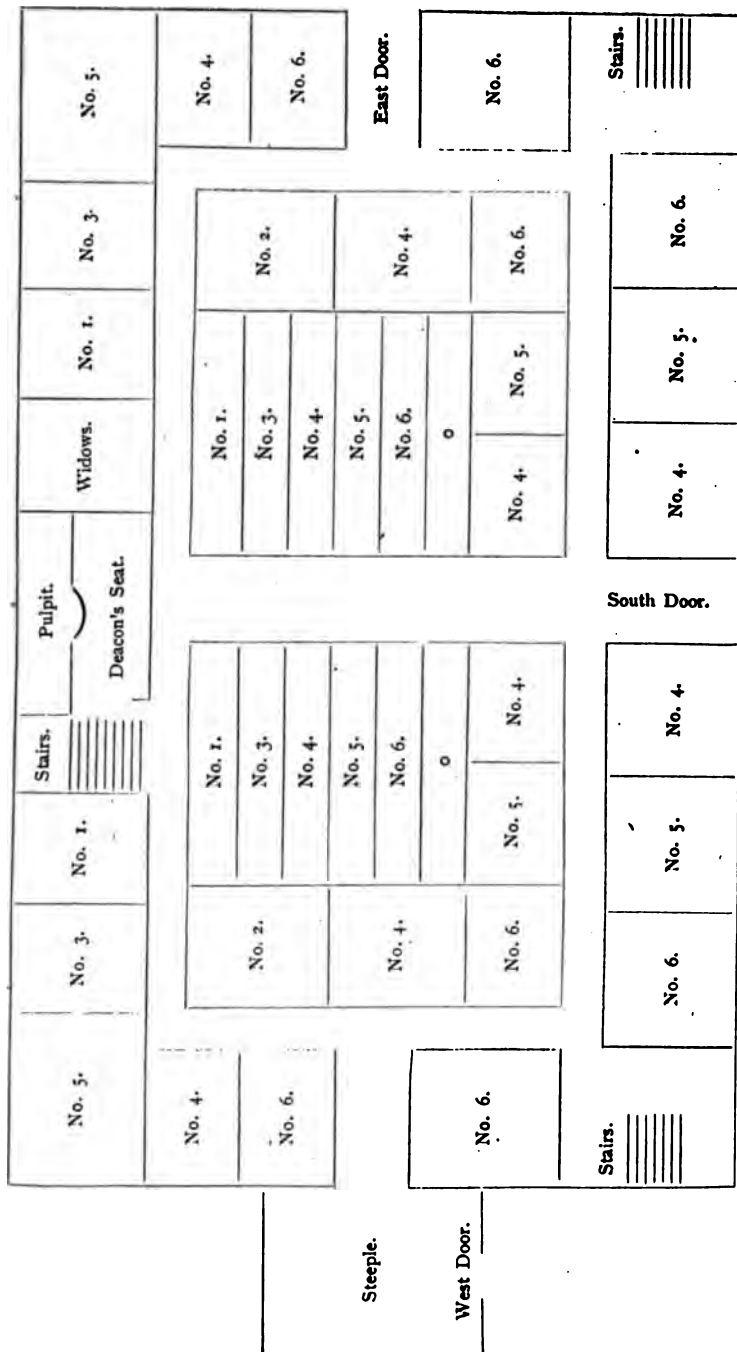
"May 24, 1754. Voted, that the inhabitants of this society will raise the meeting-house (which they are about to build) by free-will offering.

"Voted, that the committee shall provide what liquors they shall think necessary to be used at the raising of the meeting-house, at the cost of the society."

A vote was passed Sep. 17, 1754, that the society would "take the steeple of the new meeting-house into their care, and carry it on, and finish the same, with the rest of said house," indicating that the house was raised, and that the ecclesiastical society, which had been organized but a few months, accepted the work, and would finish the house which had been commenced by the town.

The accompanying plan represents the arrangement of seats in this the Second Congregational meeting-house. The numbers show the "dignity" or classification of the people as they sat in church. No complete list of the names of classified persons of this date can be found. The gallery of the house was not finished until the summer of 1763, just ten years from the time they began to build the house.

"Dec. 24, 1756. Voted, that the old meeting-house which belongs to this society shall be disposed of as follows, viz. : Three-quarters of the body seats and two pews shall be given to the Church of England, and the remainder of the body seats to the Quakers in this society, and the pulpit to those of Newbury, and



the gallery seats to those of New Preston society which belong to New Milford, and the remainder to be disposed of and the avails of it improved toward the new meeting-house in this society."

The second Congregational meeting-house having been erected in 1754, and completed in 1763, Mr. Taylor had occasion to be encouraged, although still in the midst of conflicting denominational interests. In 1761 the Separates built their house of worship, and began to make greater inroads into the old society and church.

Seven years later (in 1769) the effects of the Half-way Covenant had become so visible that the pastor and his church seem to have become really alarmed on that account, and assembled in a church meeting for some action as a matter of relief. We are told that, "after long conference," the church came to several resolves, the first of which, viz. : "that there is no half-way covenant," appears to be in reality a denial of the principles on which the church had practiced for more than forty years, and a claim that all half-way covenant members should be admitted to the communion.

Then, in 1772, the church voted "that all who are in covenant have a right to vote in the church meetings," which was virtually the making them members without having ever admitted them as such, and without any profession of experience in grace ; and on this platform the church continued to practice, apparently, the membership growing less and less in number until the settlement of Mr. Stanley Griswold.

The church decisions and enactments are :

"Mar. 8, 1769. At a church meeting legally warned to enquire of those who had owned ye covenant, the reasons why they did not come to ye Lord's Supper, and to attempt to remove their scruples and to know our sentiments with regard to admission : after long conference upon these subjects, the Church came to the following resolves :

"1. Voted, that this church looks upon it that there is no half-way covenant, but those who renew the covenant have a right to privileges in full.

"2. Voted, we look upon it the duty of the Church to use their influence and endeavors to convince persons of their duty and obligations to attend the ordinances of the Gospel understandingly.

"3. Voted, if any in covenant remain unconvinced of their duty to come to the Table, we out of tenderness to their tender consciences will allow them baptism for their children.

"NATHANIEL TAYLOR, *Moderator*."

Not only did this subject assume a more and more difficult and unsatisfactory form in regard to those who owned the covenant for the sake of securing baptism for their children, but the relation of such baptized children to the Church was a question of increasing importance and difficulty. The Episcopal church, with its well-founded claims of acknowledged care over and for baptized children, was being introduced with considerable success into different communities in the Colony, and unless something should be done, appearances indicated much calamity to this Congregational church in New Milford, and therefore another church meeting was held.

"Dec. 9, 1772. At a church meeting properly notified to be at the close of a lecture to converse upon, and attempt to settle some differences with regard to admission of members; and also to come into some friendly measures with regard to admonishing baptized persons after they are of age, guilty of misconduct and some other things proper to be considered.

"After some conversation, the meeting was adjourned till Thursday, the 17th of the present month. Meeting according to adjournment, the meeting opened by prayer.

"1. Voted, that all who are in covenant have a right to vote in the church meetings.

"2. Voted, that this Church look upon it a duty to take notice of, and in a friendly manner, to admonish baptized persons guilty of misconduct, with a view to bring them to make Christian satisfaction.

"The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, the 30th of the present month. Met according to adjournment, and the meeting opened by prayer. Nothing concluded with regard to admission of members different from former votes.

"With regard to persons withdrawing from our communion, without giving the church any information of their uneasiness, it was:

"1. Voted, that this Church looks upon it, that such conduct is wrong."

"2. Voted, that an enquiring committee should be appointed to converse in a friendly manner with those persons who have withdrawn from us, and report their reasons to the church. The committee appointed for the purpose were Dea. Bushnell Bostwick, Dea. Benjamin Gaylord, Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Abel Hline, and Lieut. Elizur Warner, with the pastor of the church.

"NATHANIEL TAYLOR, moderator."

In regard to the above remark that "nothing concluded with regard to admission of members different from former votes," it is proper to observe that since the Half-way Covenant had been fully adopted, in 1749, over 24 years, 153 persons, according to the Church Record, had been admitted to church "fellowship," (not communion) by the Half-way Covenant, and were now declared to have the right to vote in church meetings, and how could anything be done contrary to former votes? Would a

hundred persons condemn themselves by voting against themselves as to improving privileges in the church which they generally believed they ought not to enjoy? So far as the record shows, only a very few of these 153 persons had joined the church in full communion by "renewing their covenant." It is not surprising, then, that as the church began to make efforts to recover control of itself, matters grew worse instead of better.

"Jan. 20, 1773. At a church meeting properly notified, when the committee before appointed reported to the church the reasons of the following persons who had withdrawn from our communion; viz.: Samuel Comstock, Joseph Hartwell, Stephen Chittenden, John Wilkinson, Moses Johnson, Caleb Terrill, Jr., Capt. Isaac Bostwick and his wife, and Anna, the wife of Israel Camp. When, after much conversation, the matter was referred for further consideration.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR, moderator.

"March 17, 1773. At a church meeting properly notified to be at the close of a lecture, it was proposed whether the church would reconsider the votes passed, Mar. 8, 1769, with regard to admissions? Voted very full that they would not.

"2. Voted, that the desires of persons to renew the covenant should be mentioned two Sabbaths successively, before their admission; and as this church don't think the reasons given by those who have withdrawn from us sufficient, are of the opinion it is most expedient for every private member, as he has occasion, to use all mild measures to reclaim them, as the reasons they offered were very general; such as: the civil authority is too much blended with our ecclesiastical constitution and the lax method of receiving members, and that none but gracious persons should be admitted.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR, moderator.

"April 1, 1779. At a church meeting duly notified, it was agreed that a committee should be chosen to assist the pastor in examining persons who are inclined to renew the covenant before their desire is proposed, when the Deacons, Capt. Nathaniel Batchford, Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Reuben Booth, Capt. Elizur Warner, Mr. Caleb Bennett, and Mr. David Hitchcock were chosen for the above purpose. At the same time it was agreed that public notice be given that at the close of each lecture, before the sacrament, the above committee should attend for the above purpose, and if anything special, would attend at other times, and that two at least of the committee might act if no more could conveniently attend, all which was voted.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR."

Mr. Taylor made the records in the church book as follows. In a certain part he entered the names of those who owned the covenant for the purpose of having their children baptized thus:

"An account of some who owned the covenant after June 29, 1748. Gilead Sperry and his wife owned the covenant, and Zadock Noble and his wife, Asahel Noble and his wife, Gideon Noble and his wife, Ebenezer Picket and his wife, and Samuel Brownson.

"Nov. 29, 1750. Benjamin Ruggles and his wife owned the covenant.

"June 2, 1751. Abigail, the wife of Nathaniel Seely, owned the covenant. Israel Camp and his wife owned the covenant."

In this way he continued, the last entry of the kind being July 28 [1790, probably], the last previous to this date being September 20, 1789.

The membership of the church he recorded on pages in alphabetic order,—half a page to a letter; and in these records there are two forms of words used; the one is "admitted to church fellowship," the other is "admitted to church communion," or "admitted to full communion," or "joined in full communion."

Persons were received "to full communion by letter," and "by acknowledging the covenant," but never is it said, "by profession of faith"; that is a phrase adopted since his day, so far as this record shows. The last record of the reception of members was: "Sep. 20, 1789, Kason Knapp and his wife admitted to church fellowship." The last before this, was: "April 28, 1782. John Clark and Elizabeth his wife admitted to church fellowship by letter from Milford. Samuel Wales, pastor."

From the year 1770 to 1790, only thirty-four persons are recorded as having united with the church in "fellowship" and "full communion"; that is, besides those who owned the covenant in order to have their children baptized. The whole number who united as members in communion with the church during Mr. Taylor's ministry of forty-two years was 130. The number who owned the covenant, and thereby were half-way members, was 228.

He recorded the baptisms with much care, the last he made being in 1796; and by comparison of the lists it is seen that whenever parents owned the covenant, their child or children were baptized. Having owned the covenant once, their children were baptized from time to time without re-owning the covenant.

Such were some of the consequences of having a church established and governed by the enactments of the state, for in the settlement of Mr. Taylor it was distinctly specified that he was to conduct the church according to the law of the state, or lose his settlement of £1,000; but, before twenty years had passed, the calamity of the Half-way Covenant was so great, that he and his church were almost desperate in their efforts to save themselves from threatening ruin, and therefore voted that the Half-way Covenant members should come to the communion and vote in church meetings.

There is a curious conjunction of two votes upon record, passed in town meeting in the midst of the controversy in New Milford upon the questionable propriety of the Half-way Covenant, which seems almost to have been designed as an amusing illustration of the calamitous effects of obedience to erroneous principles. The votes stand thus: "Dec. 14, 1761. Voted that there shall be a committee to divide the books called Saybrook Platform according to the sundry sects and parties in said town. Capt. Hitchcock, Mr. George McEwen, Amos Northrop, Gaius Talcott, Nathan Gaylord, James Terrill, and Capt. Ruggles are chosen a committee to divide said books as their sundry lists arise in the list.

"At the same time, Voted, that every person that shall kill a wild-cat any time in the year ensuing and within the bounds of New Milford, and produce the skin of the head and ears on it before any of the authority of said town, they shall have six shillings lawful money out of the town treasury."

The most worthy Legislature had, doubtless, sent these books, printed by benefit of the public taxes, to be distributed gratuitously (in proportion to the tax-list), to instruct the people, who apparently were in need of something of the kind different from what they had learned as to the beneficence of the Half-way Covenant; but the inquiry arises with some force, how should the subject of "wild-cats" be associated so closely with those books? Had the principles of these books, which had been dealt out by the appointed teachers, been like wild-cats among the people? While offering a premium for the animal wild-cat, were they sending forth moral and religious wild-cats a thousand times worse than the former? Certainly, if the conclusions, or votes of the church meetings under the direction of Mr. Taylor mean anything, they reveal an unsettled state of religious opinions on this subject, well illustrated by the thought of wild-cats upon the mountains.

It may further be stated that from 1770 to 1790, Mr. Taylor received into the church 34 persons only; 9 of these were received (as he wrote) "to communion" and 25 were received "to church fellowship." If these terms meant the same thing then the church membership was increased in twenty years by 34 persons only.

Of the 130 who had united during 42 years (from 1748 to 1790), how many had died or removed there is no means of knowing (except by gravestone dates), for no revision of the church record took place until after Mr. Griswold removed, but we know that according to the measure of human life a large proportion must have departed.

It should be remembered that during and immediately after the Revolutionary War the Connecticut Congregational churches gave up the Half-way Covenant to a large extent ; some of them as early as 1776, dropping all the names of Half-way Covenanters, and adopting the method of the Strict Congregationalists—to admit none except upon a profession of "change of heart." Mr. Griswold in his writings disapproved of the Half-way Covenant (at one time, at least), but made no issue with the aged senior pastor, and therefore the matter was neglected or allowed to pass without attention until Mr. Taylor's decease, in 1800, and Mr. Griswold's removal in 1802.

A very natural inquiry arises, whether, when Mr. Griswold was settled here, this church then had one hundred members who had formally united in full fellowship with the church.

CHAPTER XII.

CHURCH OF THE SEPARATES.

1753—1812.



RINDNESS, used as an element of power, instead of law, would have saved the Church and the world millions of men, treasure, and great honor, and would have elevated the human race far beyond anything as yet attained. While law is not to be discarded, yet it is proper to recognize the fact that it has been used, in a vast majority of cases, in the Church and out of it, as a matter of will, to gratify the anger and dictatorial feelings of men.

The beginning of the influences which were largely the cause of the formation and existence of the Separatists' Church, in New Milford, were started and propagated by the idea of compelling people to obey the regulations of a legal church, while still pretending that the gospel taught the spirit of freedom and kindness. This occurred in a town vote in 1745, upon the question of settling a minister, the Rev. Noah Wells. The proceedings were such on that occasion as to lead thirty-five influential men to pledge themselves against that action, and to induce two of the leaders to pledge themselves to prosecute the matter in the county court if the decision of the meeting should be carried out in the settlement of Mr. Wells. These leaders, Joseph Ruggles and William Drinkwater, afterwards became strong men in starting, sustaining, and upholding the Separate Church. They were men of decided ability, means, and public influence, although they did not long remain in the town. The First Church paid most dearly for the exercise of the power placed in its hands by the Civil authority or State law, for by it they gave opportunity for all the objections which were urged by the "New Lights" against the "Standing Order" (*i. e.*, the legally established church) as not strict enough, and as uniting the power of the state with

the Church, as the Catholic and English churches had done through hundreds of years.

The Separatists' Church of New Milford was organized on the 1st day of May, 1753, when there was "a meeting held at the house of Nathan Gaylord, when John Palmer, pastor of the Church of Christ at Scotland, and Jonathan Story, pastor of the Church of Christ at Norog, Long Society, being present, witnesseth the Church's coming together and making their confession of faith, which is as follows, and signing the Covenant, as may appear hereafter by their names being subscribed."

The Confession and Covenant, covering four sides of a foolscap sheet, are preserved, but, most unfortunately, the sheet with the names on it is lost, and hence no catalogue of the members is to be found. Some of the names, however, have been obtained through the records of the First Church and Mr. Griswold's historical sermon. The Confession of Faith as here adopted is very much the same as has been generally used in the Congregational churches in Connecticut for fifty years previous to 1840; possibly a little more definite in extreme Calvinistic phraseology.

After the organization of this church, they were visited by lay-preachers as well as by pastors of churches, and meetings were held by lay-preachers, at which times they attended, and this fact was one of the charges brought against them, as recorded by Mr. Taylor, in the church book. "He had absented himself from the communion of the Church and neglected the public worship of God on the Lord's day, attending upon lay-preaching, countenancing an unlawful and unchristian separation."

This church continued to increase in numbers and influence, so that in 1759 they made application, and obtained liberty of the town, to erect a meeting-house, the town voting, December 10, 1759, "that the Separates (so called) shall have liberty to erect a convenient house for their public worship in some proper place in the highway as shall be thought proper in said New Milford, for that and no other use, and Capt. Botsford, and Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Job Gould are chosen a committee to view the circumstances of the place, and to establish and stake it out."

The following is the report of the committee:

"January 7, 1760. Then laid out a piece of land in New Milford, in the highway by the burying-place that runs northward up the town street easterly from Doct.

John Carrington's home-lot, which land is to build a meeting-house upon for the worship of God for those persons that are called Separates, bounded as follows: beginning at the northeast corner at a heap of stones joining to the burying-place, then running southwardly 60 feet, then westerly 40 feet, then northerly 60 feet, then easterly to the first place; bounded east by the burying-place."

The place was established in the eight-rod highway, then adjoining the burying-place in the village, but a part of that highway has since been added to the burying-place (now the cemetery), and hence the site is within the enclosure, at the left hand, immediately on entering the cemetery, by the carriage-way. Their meeting-house on this site was built in 1761, as stated in Mr. Griswold's sermon, which is undoubtedly correct, and remained there until about 1817.

In 1754, this church, or its members, petitioned the First Society as follows: "Upon the memorial of Thomas Weller, Lemuel Bostwick, Eleazer Beecher, Ebenezer Hotchkiss, Nathan Gaylord, Jonathan Botsford, David Camp, Israel Baldwin, Michael Brownson, and Benjamin Phillips, inhabitants of this society, showing that the said memorialists soberly dissent from the way of worship and method of supporting the ministry established by the laws of this Colony, and that they do maintain and attend the public worship of God among themselves, in a way agreeable to their consciences; praying this society to show their minds, whether they are willing that the memorialists should be exempted from paying taxes for the support of the ministry and building meeting-houses for the established constitution, etc.: Voted, that this society are willing that the persons named in the memorial shall be exempted from paying taxes for the future as they request, so long as they shall continue soberly to dissent from the established constitution as aforesaid, provided the Hon. General Assembly (upon application to them made) shall approve the same."

In the record of the First Church, in 1750, citing persons before that body as having separated themselves, the following are named:

Joseph Ruggles,	Jonathan Botsford and his wife,
Eleazer Beecher and his wife,	Lemuel Bostwick and his wife,
Jonathan Buck and his wife,	Ebenezer Hotchkiss,
Ann, the wife of Joseph Buck,	Ellen Mackeney.
David Beardsley and his wife,	

This was three years before the Separate Church was organized, and, after two years, Ann Buck, David Beardsley, and his wife returned, made satisfaction, and the church accepted them. In 1773 the following were called to account by the First Church as having separated from it :

Samuel Comstock,	Caleb Terrill, Jr.,
Joseph Hartwell,	Capt. Isaac Bostwick and his
Stephen Chittenden,	wife,
John Wilkinson,	Anna, wife of Israel Camp.
Moses Johnson,	

The following persons are named by Mr. Griswold as Deacons of this church :

Nathan Gaylord,	Israel Baldwin, Jr.,
Israel Baldwin,	John Beecher,
Ebenezer Hotchkiss,	Riverius Stilson.

Mr. Griswold also says (in 1801) of this church : "Their first Elder who preached stately here, though he was not ordained over them, was Mr. Elihu Marsh. The second was Mr. Robert Campbell, who was the first that was ordained over them. He was ordained here twenty-nine years ago, continued about twelve years, and was then dismissed and left the town. Their third Elder was Mr. Barnabas Lathrop, who was not ordained over them, but came here about ten years ago, and preached with them about two years. He afterward joined the Presbyterian society, and died in this town April 10, 1796, aged 57 years. Their fourth and now officiating Elder is Mr. Daniel Hine. He has been ordained over them four years."

Rev. Daniel Hine continued to preach to this church until about 1812, when he resigned, and recommended his church to disband and unite with the First Church ; but, after giving up their church organization, they united with different churches. Several of them, residing in the north part of the town, united with the Baptist church at Northville. Mr. Hine, their last Elder, a good man, and faithful, resided in the town until his decease in 1835, in his eighty-sixth year, and here his descendants still remain.

Some further account of the persons connected with this church will be of interest.

Capt. Joseph Ruggles, then of New Haven, bought a Right of land in New Milford for £200, in November, 1733, which he sold the next spring for £300, and bought another right for £325 (January 19, 1734). Upon this Right he had land laid out to him on the 18th of the next March: "Twenty acres, in several pieces, in Still River Neck." "May 27, 1735. Laid to Joseph Ruggles forty acres, in the Still River Neck, near to Newtown line, across Hop Brook; also three acres in Still River Swamp, near the mouth of Four Mile Brook."

Mr. Ruggles settled in New Milford at the Half-way Falls on Still River, in 1733 or 4, and was a partner in the enterprise at that place called the Iron Works, where he resided until about 1750. when he returned, with some of his family, to New Haven to reside, but leaving several of his sons and daughters and their families here. The Ruggles family was an influential one in the town for more than one hundred years, and are said to have been peculiar in this respect, that, if any one family was unfortunate, the other families and individuals of the name would join in supplying the loss, and enable the family to go on in the ways of prosperity, as if no calamity had happened. That is, instead of struggling to be independent of each other, they always clung together, each to help the others. It is impossible for a pen to pass on without commending this spirit, which is so great a contrast to what is often exhibited in the world. Capt. Joseph Ruggles was a stirring, intelligent business man,—above the average, as indicated in several ways, especially in the matter of establishing schools at the South Farms, as the region where he resided was then called, and the matter of sustaining the Separate Church in its beginning at New Milford against the disciplining effort of the legal First Church; for, in about 1810, the old First Church became established on the foundations, almost precisely, in real fact, that Mr. Ruggles sustained in 1750.

Capt. Lazarus Ruggles, son of Capt. Joseph, Sen., remained in New Milford when his father returned to New Haven, and soon after married Hannah Bostwick, and became an influential and estimable citizen, and departed this life in 1797: Philo Ruggles, his son, became a lawyer of note in New Milford, removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the family became very influential, and was much esteemed.

Benjamin Ruggles, eldest son of Captain Joseph, was a good citizen, remained in Brookfield, and died early.

Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Jr., son of Captain Joseph, died in 1802, aged 71 years. He was appointed by the Assembly, in 1761, captain of the first military company organized in the society of Newbury, now Brookfield, and was for many years an influential business man.

Samuel Ruggles, another son of Captain Joseph, Sen., resided on his father's homestead, and his son Samuel and his daughter Lucia constituted an important part of the first company of missionaries that went to the Sandwich Islands. (See Biog.)

Dea. Eleazer Beecher came from Milford a single man, and settled in New Milford before 1726, when he united with the First Church, and in October of 1729 married Frances Oviatt. He possessed great energy of character, was prominent in the transactions of the town, and was a successful farmer. He voted against what were said to be illegal proceedings in the effort of 1745 to settle Mr. Noah Wells, and was among the first, with his wife, who were cited before the First Church to make satisfaction for separating from that church, but as he lived until 1797, to the good age of 90 years, the censures of the church did not harm him seriously. If he could have lived about thirteen years longer he would have seen the old church fully established on the platform he adopted fifty years before. Mr. Griswold placed him as one of the deacons of the First Church, but Rev. Mr. Taylor made the following record in the church book, Mr. Beecher having officiated on trial as a deacon over two years in that church:—"February, 1750-51. At a church meeting regularly warned, it was fully voted in y^e negative y^t Eleazer Beecher should not be established in y^e office of a deacon; he fell off to a party called Separates and could not be reclaimed." He was a deacon many years in the church of the Separates.

Jonathan Buck came with his father Jonathan, Sen., from Wethersfield to New Milford, in 1716, and married Betsey Bostwick in 1733, and had seven children. He and his wife were cited before the First Church to answer for separation from it, but did not return.

Ann, the wife of Joseph Buck, returned to the First Church in 1752. She was the daughter of William Gould, the millwright,

and her husband Joseph was brother to Jonathan, Jr., as above described.

David Beardsley and his wife, formerly of Stratford, came from Newtown and joined the First Church by letter in 1748. He and his wife returned to the First Church in 1752.

Jonathan Botsford, with his wife Betsey, came from Milford and united with the First Church in 1737, but voted against the so-called illegal proceedings in 1745, and afterwards drew off to the Separates. They were cited to make satisfaction and return, but they continued in the Separate Church.

Lemuel Bostwick, son of John 1st., came to New Milford and united with the First Church in 1727, and in 1729 married Anna Jackson of Stratford. He resided at first near the Great Falls, east side of the river, where he lived until after 1769, but later he removed to Lower Merryall, where he died, and where some of his descendants still reside. He was one of the choristers in the First Church some years, from 1741. He possessed a noble personal appearance, for which he was quite noted, and is reported as being a remarkably good man; one of those whom everybody delighted to meet. He sang his way on, until 87 years of age, then "departed this life." Anna, his widow, died at Hinesburg, Vt., in 1800, aged 92 years. A beautiful life; happy home; length of days;—what record more complete?

Dea. Ebenezer Hotchkiss came, Mr. Griswold's sermon says, from Long Island, and married, in New Milford, Hannah Terrill, January 10, 1742. The records do not show when he joined the First Church, but he was cited to appear before it, with his wife and others, in 1750. He was afterwards deacon in the Separate Church, probably, many years.

Joseph Hartwell came from Stoughton, Mass., married in New Milford, Rebecca, sister to Roger Sherman, in 1752. He was cited to appear before the First Church in 1773, to make satisfaction for separation and union with the Separate Church, but he continued with the latter.

A question may arise as to why these persons who desired to join the Separate Church did not take a certificate from the First Church in the beginning, and thereby have no further trouble. The answer is that one lawful church, in those times, would not recognize another church within its parish by giving such a certifi-

cate or permit. None of these persons, however upright their character, could obtain, or ever did obtain, such a certificate. The only effort to obtain one, was made by Captain Joseph Ruggles, Sen., after he removed from the parish, and he did not succeed. The only way persons could be free from membership in a lawful church, and remain in the parish of said church, was by being expelled, with all the dishonor that such expulsion could bring to bear upon them. No relief could be found then as now by civil law to protect character, for the civil law was the church in real fact. It is historically true that a fair proportion of the men and women who went from the First to the Separate Church, were among the very best, most faithful, true Christians, in the town, and that they made the change in the only Christian way possible for them ; and hence the whole question of the doings of the old church in Connecticut in this matter is one of nothing but mortification and chagrin to a true Congregationalist.

Benajah Stone, of Branford, purchased, in February, 1742, about seventy acres of land in the North Purchase, for £100, and in 1749, when residing in Woodbury, bought of Job Gould, of New Milford, 130 acres of land, with a dwelling-house on it, lying to the northeast of the Park Lane school-house, on the west side of the north and south road, the place being still known as the Old Stone Farm. He soon after bought more land in that vicinity, and in 1752 he purchased another seventy acres in the North Purchase for £200. His descendants still remain in the vicinity of the old farm, on the road direct from Park Lane to New Preston.

Elihu Marsh settled in New Milford, at the place now called Jerusalem, on Rocky River, where he resided until his decease. He officiated as the minister of the Separate Church in New Milford, and as such was of very great importance to that church, for they were not able to pay the salary of a regularly-installed minister, and Mr. Marsh had an independent property of his own. Whether he ever received any salary is unknown, but he probably served them as their minister several years while living in New Fairfield, and three years after settling in New Milford.

Stephen Chittenden came from Guilford into the town about 1765, and married here, probably, as a second wife, Mary

"Bardsley" in that year, and was summoned before the First Church in 1773. Whether he removed or died here is not known. His son Stephen, Jr., married here, but seems to have removed soon after 1804.

John Wilkinson from England, settled in the town about 1743, and united with the First Church in 1770, and went to the Separates in 1773. He married here and had a large family.

Moses Johnson came from Newtown, and married Eunice Brownson; had a family of seven children. Peter Johnson, perhaps a brother, was here and married, about the same time, but both families seem to have left the town about 1780.

Caleb Terrill, Jr., son of Caleb, born in New Milford, married Eunice Coggsell, of New Preston Society, in 1768, and resided, probably, in that part of the town, and had one son and two daughters.

Capt. Isaac Bostwick, son of Lemuel, led the first company that went out of New Milford in the Revolution, to Boston, where they remained some months. After, if not before, the Revolution he became owner in a mill property at Lanesville, or the Great Falls, and was for a number of years a very influential man in the town. While town treasurer for a number of years, he became involved in money matters, and surrendered a large proportion of his property to the town to meet his deficiencies, in all which he was treated with great consideration and respect by the town authorities. The date of his death is not known. The family, some of them, and the widow, removed to Hinesburg, Vt. But few if any men were more active and influential in the town than he during Revolutionary times.

Dea. Nathan Gaylord, son of William the first, joined the First Church in 1727; went to the Quakers in 1731, but united early with the Separatist movement, became a deacon in that church, and was well known and respected in the town. The Separate Church was organized at his house, a little way up the Aspetuck River, in 1753, and it is probable that the meetings of that church were held at his house much of the time until their meeting-house was built, in 1761. He died suddenly in 1769, in the sixtieth year of his age, and the inscription on his tombstone in the New Milford cemetery is not without both beauty and sadness.

Dea. Israel Baldwin, Sen., came from Milford ; was the son of Samuel, and one of four brothers who settled in New Milford. Israel settled on the Litchfield road half a mile south of Theophilus Baldwin's, where he resided until his death.

Samuel Baldwin was one of the four brothers ; all of whom were like the Baldwins everywhere—good, reliable, honorable citizens.

Gamaliel Baldwin, another brother, settled in Park Lane, where he established a fine home, which he sold, with his farm, in 1748, to Roger Sherman for £1,500, and he removed to the north part of Sherman.

Dea. Israel Baldwin, Jr., brother to Gamaliel, was a deacon in the Separate Congregational Church, and resided on the homestead of his father.

Abiel Baldwin, the fourth brother, settled on land laid to the father or brothers, in the northeast part of the town, where his descendants still remain.

Dea. John Beecher, son of Eleazer, 2d, and twin brother of Eleazer, 3d, born in 1773, is said by Mr. Griswold to have been deacon of the Separate Church, resided about a mile east of the old Beecher home, on what was then called the Bound Hill road. He and his twin brother were twins in all their business transactions as well as blood, each always referring to what his brother might think in regard to all bargains and work.

Dea. Riverius Stilson married Anne, dau. of Dea. Israël Baldwin, in 1767; his residence was on Stilson Hill. He is highly spoken of. He died in 1802, in his fifty-eighth year. This family, which occupied a prominent place in the town for many years, is now without a representative in it, many of them having removed to other parts of the country.

David Camp, son of Samuel, one of the early settlers in the town, came with his father, and married Sarah Terrill of Woodbury, and settled on the west side of Poplar Swamp, near the present Park Lane school-house. He died in 1782.

Fines Remitted.

“December 10, 1787. Voted, that the fine which Joseph Squire is subjected to pay the town on trial for bringing in and entertaining unwholesome inhabitants, etc., be remitted, and he

is by this vote released from paying said fine—he paying all costs of prosecution.” This referred, probably, to Tories, whom the town had voted could not be acceptable citizens in the town ; that is, those who had gone away, as quite a number had, during the war.

“ December 27, 1790. Voted, that the town treasurer give up the note he holds against Liffe Sanford for ten shillings, which was given by said Sanford for a fine.”

“ December 10, 1792. Voted, that the town treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give up to Doct. Benjamin Warner and Reuben Warner, their two several notes of hand which he holds against them, which was given by them as fines for their two sons’ breach of the Sabbath.”

“ December 17, 1810. Voted, that sundry notes of hand formerly given to the town treasurer for fines be relinquished, and the notes given up, viz. : one of Thomas Davis, one of Jacob Reed, one of Robert and Gaius Norton, one of Eli Todd, one of Silas Lamson, one of William Conn, one of Paul Welch, Jr., and one of Harry Negro ; all dated 8th December, 1797.”

“ June, 1821. Voted, that a fine of \$1.67 laid upon Hawley Morehouse as a fine for breach of the Sabbath, be remitted.”

In the list of assessments for the year 1790, we find the following record of occupations :

<i>Attorneys.</i>	Sherman Boardman, Esqr.,
Daniel Everitt, Esqr.,	Benjamin Stone,
Samuel Bostwick, Esqr.,	John Morehouse,
Nicholas S. Masters, Esqr.	Jonathan Downs.

<i>Merchants.</i>	<i>Physicians.</i>
Daniel and Elijah Boardman,	Chauncey Lowrey,
Ithamar Canfield,	Lemuel Thomas.

Mead and Lockwood,	<i>Blacksmiths.</i>
Camp and Warner,	George Welton,
Eli Todd.	Asa Prime,
<i>Tavern-keepers.</i>	Abijah Bennett,
William Clark,	Samuel Couch.

Col. Samuel Canfield,	<i>Shoemakers.</i>
Riverius Camp,	Abner Gunn,
John Hull,	Epinetus Gunn,

Thomas Wells,
Wakefield Noble.

Saddler.

Noadiah Mygatt.

Silversmiths.

Isaac Beach,
William Clark.

Hatter.

Josiah Lockwood.

Foiners.

Jonathan Mygatt,
John Couch,
Daniel Lines,
Richard Bristol.

Millers.

Stephen Miles,
John Murry, etc., N. G.

Wheelwright.

John Sturdevant, Jr.

In 1787 the number of sheep reported on the list as owned in the town was 4,375.

In the Assessors' List for 1793 there are the following names additional to the above in the list of occupations:

Attorneys.

Philo Ruggles.

Merchants.

William Taylor,
Peter Fairchild,
Riverius Camp,
Clark and Baldwin,
Samuel Lockwood.

Tavern-keepers.

Eli Todd,
Benajah Stone,
Amasa Ferriss.

Blacksmiths.

Elihu Ruggles.

Saddler.

Abijah Beach.

Shoemakers.

Stephen Chittenden, Jr.,
William Doan,

Joseph Peck,
Nathaniel Lockwood,
Abel Fost (perhaps Frost),
Jared Terrill (New Preston),
Philander Beers.

Foiners.

Nathaniel Ruggles,
Ephraim Lyon,
John Roburds,
Hinman Hurd.

Grist-mills.

Justus Miles, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill with Stephen Miles,
Philip Wells,
Nathaniel Taylor.

Masons.

Daniel Sherwood,
Reuben Sherwood,
George Milligan,
Eli Dayton.

Coopers.

Ezra Marchant,
Jedediah Marchant,
Asa Baldwin,
Daniel Comstock.

Tailors.

Clark Blackney,
Samuel Garlick,
Edmund Garlick,
Stiles Goodsell (New Preston).

CHAPTER XIII.

NEW PRESTON.

1722-1760.

POVE for the woods and the wilderness must have been an almost innate quality of mind in the first settlers of the western part of Connecticut. When Massachusetts had been settled but about one hundred years, one of its strong families emigrated to the town of Preston, New London County, in Connecticut, which was a country more recently settled than the former, supposing that here they should find a home for life; but scarcely a dozen years had passed before the father hears of the western lands in the forests of Connecticut, and removes with a part of his family now grown up, and again plants the standard of civilization in the picturesque, but then wild wilderness country, known now for many years by the name of *New Preston*, Litchfield County, Ct.

The tract of land called "New Milford North Purchase" was bought in 1722, of the agents for western lands, for Windsor and Hartford, and the whole of it was taken from Waraumaug's Reserve; for that Reserve was bounded, originally, on the south by the old township of New Milford. But the North Purchase was bounded, when laid out, east on the Reserve, so that this "Purchase" did not extend as far east as the Reserve. The "Purchase" was six and a half miles in length, and one and a half in width, and the eastern boundary may have been half or three-fourths of a mile east of the present meeting-house at New Preston village. The northern boundary of that "Purchase" passed east and west near or a little north of the outlet of Waraumaug Lake, so that the present village of New Preston lies in what was the northeast corner of the New Milford North Purchase.

In dividing this tract among sixty-four owners, it was attempted to complete the work in one survey, making two tiers of lots the whole length, and thirty-two lots in each tier; but when they were through with the first survey, there was so much land left that two other surveys were made, giving each of the sixty-four owners an equal amount each time. The thirty-second and thirty-third lots in the first survey are said to have been at the east end of the purchase, and hence bounded east by the Reserve.

Considerable attention has been given to learn who first settled within the bounds of this North Purchase, without obtaining satisfactory knowledge on the question. For nine years after the deed was secured, no attempt, apparently, was made to settle any one on this land. Then the first division was made and a petition presented to the Assembly to have the tract annexed to New Milford and become a part of that township; but this failed, and all that was done during the next ten years was the buying and selling of some of the shares of the Purchase. In 1741, by an act of the Assembly, this tract of land was made a part of New Milford township, and immediately land speculations became a specialty, and the transactions increased until 1747, when the settlement began at what is now New Preston village. Two or three years before this last date, a few settlers had located on the western part of this North Purchase, the locality being called Merryall, and it is possible that some had settled in the southwest corner of this tract at or near what is now Merwinsville.

First Settlers at New Preston.

“*Mr. Edward Cogswell* of Preston, New London county, Conn.,” bought of John Baker of Woodbury, and Caleb Maltery of New Milford, Sep. 10, 1745, a tract of land in the North Purchase, the “thirty-third lot in the south tier of lots,” which must have been near the southeast corner of the purchase extending northward from the southeast corner, three-fourths of a mile, or to where the New Preston Cemetery now is. In the next three years he purchased other pieces of land in the vicinity, amounting in value to several hundred pounds money. He at once erected what was called then the Iron Works, one-half of which he sold in 1747 to Matthew Whipple; these works stand-

ing on the river just above the road that goes to New Preston Hill.

Samuel Cogswell of Preston, New London county, bought of Caleb Mallery, June 9, 1746, "two shares;—lots 30 and 31, for £300 old tenor." The next day Edward Cogswell received a deed of land in the same vicinity, and the next spring both of these families were residing here, and therefore they probably settled here in the spring or summer of 1746.

Jacob Kennie of Preston, New London county, bought of Jerusha Boardman (widow of Rev. Daniel), "lot 32 in N. M. N. Purchase, Jan. 20, 1746-7, for £200 old tenor," and the next April purchased of Samuel Cogswell 187 acres, for £150. He settled here that spring (1747), and made several other purchases of lands within two or three years. He had a family, and they remained in the vicinity many years. Jacob Kennie was an influential, benevolent citizen.

Zephaniah Branch purchased for £139, land of Samuel Cogswell and Edward Cogswell, and made his home here about 1749, and was in the place some years; but all the family seem to have disappeared long ago.

Matthew Whipple, of "Ipswich in the county of Essex, in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, yeoman," purchased of Edward Cogswell, October 24, 1747, "one-half of the Iron Works in New Milford North Purchase, standing on a stream called Aspetuck, that comes out of a large pond, commonly called the West Pond; also one-half of the stream from the dam southwardly ten rods, with all the appurtenances, privileges, and accommodations belonging thereunto, with the privilege of the iron ore, as I the said Edward Cogswell have of Elisha Williams and Martin Kellogg; likewise, . . . full liberty to use any spot of ground that is near said Iron Works that may be convenient to build a house or houses upon, necessary to the carrying on the half of said Iron Works; also, land for a garden and orchard or pasture near the Works, on the west side of the river, not to exceed ten acres."

Whatever there were of these Iron Works at this time, they had been erected within two years previous, probably within one, and the two partners, Edward Cogswell, and Matthew Whipple, composed the first manufacturing enterprise within the

North Purchase, and the second one within the bounds of New Milford, except that of leather.

Nathaniel Bozworth of Rehoboth, county of Bristol, province of the Massachusetts Bay, bought of Jonathan Noble about ninety acres of land, the thirty-fourth lot, for £130, old tenor, November 7, 1743. He did not settle on this land, but on the 23d of May, 1749, he deeded one-half of it, "for love and goodwill and divers other good causes," to his son Nathaniel Bozworth, Jr., blacksmith, then already settled in New Milford. The boundaries of this thirty-fourth lot, in part, are: "Beginning at the southeast corner, . . . and running westerly by the highway till it comes to Steep Brook, and then bounded by said brook. Then beginning again at the said southeast corner and running northeasterly by the highway till it comes to a brook that runs across said highway into said Right of land, then by said brook westwardly until it comes within ten rods of East Aspetuck, then southwesterly ten rods for a corner, then northwesterly twenty rods, if it doth reach East Aspetuck River; then northeasterly till it comes to said river, then down stream by said river southeasterly from said river to Steep Brook, including forty-five acres; and I also convey to him fully one quarter part of the stream and land left and reserved, for building and improving water-mills and works, reserving a sufficient cart-way to and from the place proposed for said mills or works to the highway at the east side of said lot." The southeast corner of this lot must have been near,—perhaps a little northwest of—the Episcopal Church in Marbledale.

Henry Dean of Preston, in the county of New London tanner, came to New Milford and purchased at this place, May 1, 1749, of Edward Cogswell, land "on the east side of the stream called Aspetuck, near the new Iron Works," and in the description of boundaries is mentioned "a black oak tree, standing by the pond made to soak hydes in," showing that already the Tan Works were commenced.

When the settlement had attained to these proportions a movement was successfully made for religious privileges in the community.

Winter Privileges.

"Oct., 1748. Upon the memorial of Samuel Averil and others, living in the southeast part of Kent, and Edward Cogswell and

others, living in the northeast part of the town of New Milford, shewing this Assembly that they are situate at a great distance from the public worship in the towns to which they respectively belong, and praying liberty of this Assembly to hire an orthodox minister to preach among themselves six months in the year for such term of years as this Assembly shall think fit, with exemption from taxes, &c. : Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialists have liberty to hire an orthodox minister amongst themselves six months in a year for the space of four years next coming, with exemption from any ministerial charges in the towns to which they respectively belong for such of time only as they shall hire among themselves."

In the spring of 1753, a petition was sent to the Assembly,—as hereafter follows,—which resulted in the establishment of an ecclesiastical society, according to the boundaries of the petition, by the name of *New Preston*, which name was in honor of the fact that a number of the leading men had come from *Preston* in this state, and therefore it was agreeable and appropriate to call it *New Preston*.

Petition for an Ecclesiastical Society.

"To the Honorable y^e Generall Assembly to be Holden at Newhaven in y^e Colony of Connecticut On The Second thursday of October Next A. D. 1753—

The memorial of us the Subscribers Being Inhabitants of y^e Northern Part of New milford and y^e South and Southeast Part of Kent and a Place Called Meriall in y^e County of Litchfield Humbly Begg Leave to observe—

That your Honr^{le}. Memorialists Live a Great Distance from y^e Publick Worship of God by Reason Whereof we Labour Under Great Difficulty to attend Publick Worship With our families many of us having Considerable families of Small Children Which many of them by Reason of y^e. Difficulty wee Labour under are Destitute of the Benefit of Attending the Worship of God in any Place by Reason Whereof this Honorable Assembly hath in times Past Been Pleased to Grant to us the Liberty of winter Preaching Whereby we and our families have had the opportunity of Enjoying the Benefit of a Preached Gospel Amongst our Selves to Great Satisfaction and that time being Limited and now Ended—thereupon your Honours memorialist humbly Pray that this Honora^{ble} assembly would be Pleased in your Wonted Goodness to Grant us Release from our Difficulty and Grant to us the Privillidge of Being an Ecclesiastical Society with the Powers and Privillidges that other Ecclesiastical Societys in this Colony here With the Limits and Boundarys as hereafter Discribed (viz)

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the new milford North Purchis then Running Southerly Joyning upon Woodbury Line one mile, from thence runing a West Line to the foot of the Long Mountain Southwest of Capt. Joseph Bostwicks, from thence a North Line to a Place Called the Rockhouse Cobble and so that Course to Meriall Line and then a Cross Meriall to Kent Line and then runing East to the Southwest Corner of James Lakes farme then Northerly to the Northwest Cor-

ner of John Henderson's farme that he now lives upon then Runing East to East Greenwich Line then Runing South to the Southwest Corner of East Greenwich then Runing East upon East Greenwich Line to Shipauge River thence Runing Southwardly on s^d River to Woodbury Line Then Runing westerly on woodbury line to the first mentioned Bounds or such other Lines and Boundaries as your Honours shall think most Convenient, or to appoint a Com^{tee} to Now Settle and asertain the Same or in some other way Grant Relieve to your memorialist as you in your Grate Wisdom think fit and your memorialists as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray.

Dated September y^e 12th A. D. 1753.

Jacob Kinne,
Josiah Churchill,
Samuel Cogswell,
David Mackwethy,
Mica Palmer,
Samuel Cogswell,
John Cobb,
Caleb Rude,
Joseph Miles,
Nathan Hawley,
David Averill,
Moses Averill,
Thomas Morris,
Samuel Waller,
John Bemen,

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Stephen Noble,
John Keeny?
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mark,
Jeremy Dawes?
Benjamin Darling,
Joseph Corey,
Josiah Caswell,
Ichabod Palmer,
thomas hotchkiss,
Gilead Sperry
John hawniss
Reuben Mackwethy,
Thomas Bemon,
John Benedict,
Daniel Farrill,
Jehiel Murry,
John Bostwick,
Benajah Bostwick,
Samuel Averill,
Samuel Lake."

Of these names, Joseph Miles, Nathan Hawley, Stephen Noble, John Bostwick, and Benajah Bostwick, were from New Milford. Capt. Joseph Bostwick was within the boundaries of the society, and his name may be one of the two which could not be copied from the original petition at Hartford, they being covered by repairs on the manuscript. Two or three others may have been originally from New Milford, and living in the western part of the new society.

The names of all the men within the limits of the society are not on this petition; the reason is not apparent. Nathaniel Bozworth was one; his brother William received land here in 1751, from his father; and Edward Cogswell and Zephaniah Branch do not appear. William Cogswell came a few years later, but was here in 1757.

Since writing the above, it has been ascertained that Nathan-

icl Bozworth, Zephaniah Branch, and several others, resident in New Preston at that time, were adherents to the Episcopal Church; and hence as early as 1766 or 7, an Episcopal house of worship was erected in that place—a further account of which may be seen in connection with the sketch of St. Andrew's Church, of Marbledale.

Site for a Meeting-house.

"Dec. 21, 1754. I, Jacob Kene, . . . in consideration of love and good will towards the society of New Preston, and in view of setting up or accommodating the public worship of God in said society, . . . do freely give . . . one acre of land to erect a meeting-house upon for the public worship of God, . . . part of the farm I now live upon, . . . that part on which the County Court's committee have affixed a stake for the meeting-house of said society, together with a two-rod highway from said stake southeast, unto a ten-rod highway that is between the 1st and 2d tier of lots in the New Milford North Purchase."

This was the site of the first meeting-house on New Preston Hill, it being but a little distance from the present church edifice at that place. In December, 1753, the society voted to lay a tax of twelve pence on the pound to hire a minister for the season; and to build two school-houses by subscription, for the use of the society. In November, 1754, it was voted to build a meeting-house 36 by 26 feet, with five windows, of twelve lights each. In December, 1766, it was voted to build another meeting-house forty by fifty feet, which was inclosed three years later, but was not entirely finished until 1798.

The Rev. Noah Wadham was the first settled minister in the society, beginning in 1757. He was induced to resign his place and accept the position of pastor in the settlement of the first colony in the Wyoming Valley, Pa., in 1768. The Rev. Jeremiah Day was the next pastor in New Preston, beginning in January, 1770, and continuing until 1806. This family have become very widely known through their professional positions for many years in Yale College.

During the labors of the Rev. Charles A. Boardman, from New Milford, for twelve years, from 1818, the New Preston Society was known as one of the most efficient and successful of Western Connecticut.

New Preston Burying-Place.

On February 1, 1757, Benjamin Mallery, of Kent, and James Terrill, of New Milford, as a committee of the New Preston Society, purchased of Samuel Cogswell, for twenty shillings, lawful money, a certain piece of land, "bounded west by Joseph Wheaton's, south and east by said Cogswell's land, and north on highway;" said land is purchased and devoted for a burying-place for the east end of New Preston.¹ For this land a warrantee deed was given, without reservation or consideration except as above stated. The ten rod highway running through the north purchase east and west, passed this burying-place on the north side.

The following secured the site of the first school-house, which doubtless was near the present one, near the dwelling of Mr. Gould C. Whittlesey;—

"December 13, 1762. Voted that the inhabitants of New Preston Society may have liberty to build a school-house on the highway near Captain Nathaniel Bozworth's shop, in the most convenient place as they shall judge, so as not to incommode the public road."

Captain Bozworth's blacksmith's shop stood, probably, north side of the highway, a little way west from the present school-house, in New Preston Village.

In that part of the New Preston Society which lay within the bounds of New Milford township, the following names are found on the assessment list for 1800:

Ichabod Bostwick,	Justus Dimon,
Oliver Bostwick,	Eli Daton,
Zachariah Bostwick,	Ebenezer Edwards,
Richard Barnum,	David Hill,
David Bostwick,	Jonathan Hill,
Thomas Buckley,	John Hatch,
Joseph Bostwick,	Samuel Hill, Jr.,
Andrew Bostwick,	Ephraim Lyon,
Joseph E. Bostwick,	Read Marsh,
John Cogswell,	Wanzer Marsh,
Edmund Clark,	Stephen Morehouse, Jr.,

¹ New Milford land records, B. ix., 320.

Stephen Morchouse,	Henry Straight,
John Morehouse, Jr.,	Benajah Stone,
John Morehouse,	Gideon Starr,
Benjamin Northrop,	Jared Sperry,
William Nickerson,	Canfield Stone,
Epenetus Platt, Jr.,	Daniel Stone,
Elnathan Peet, 3d,	Ithiel Stone,
Daniel Peet,	James Terrill, Jr.,
Elnathan Peet, 2d,	Leman Terrill,
Joseph Peet,	Jared Terrill,
Samuel W. Peet,	Job Terrill, Jr.,
Julius Stone,	Joseph Waller,
Benjamin Stone, Jr.,	Winthrop Woodin,
Ebenezer Smith,	Eseck Wheaton.

The total assessment on the New Preston list in New Milford town for 1800 was \$10,129.71.

The total assessments of the New Milford township for 1800, including Bridgewater, and excluding New Preston, was \$75,982.04.

The total assessment within the Bridgewater Society in 1804, the first year of their organization, was \$15,158.43.

The total assessment of that part of Newbury (now Brookfield) Society, lying within New Milford township, in 1787, the last assessment before the organization of the town of Brookfield was £2,371 22s. 6d.

The valuation of church property and the Town House in 1822, was recorded on the Assessor's list as follows:

Congregational, Old Society,	\$1,500.
Congregational, Bridgewater,	1,000.
Episcopal, First Society,	1,000.
Baptist, First Society,	500.
Friends, First Society,	300.
Town House,	200.
14 School-houses,	700.
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	\$5,200.

For many years the assessment list contained the valuation of the property in the town, and also a percentage of the same as

the list upon which taxes were collected. These two lists stood, in 1822, as follows :

“Total amount of the whole town for 1822.

	Valuation.	Taxable.
First Society,	\$1,055,765.00	\$44,971.56
New Preston,	133,694.00	5,874.48
Bridgewater,	233,844.00	9,976.67
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	\$1,423,303.00	\$60,822.71

CHAPTER XIV.

THE REVOLUTION.

1774—1781.

PONG was the struggle for American liberty, but glorious was the victory. The beginning of the conflict in New Milford witnessed the most perfect loyalty to the king, as was the fact everywhere in the colonies; but by the arbitrary course of the British ministry, the tide soon turned in favor of entire independence.

"At a town meeting legally warned and holden at New Milford, in Connecticut, on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1774:

"1st. Samuel Canfield, Esqr., was chosen moderator for said meeting.

"2d. Preamble, &c. This meeting with hearts full of loyalty and duty to our rightful sovereign, King George the III, and with the warmest desires to hold, enjoy, and transmit inviolable to the latest posterity our sacred and inestimable charter rights and privileges, and moved with the most poignant grief at the present truly alarming and dangerous situation of the American colonies in consequence of the unconstitutional measures lately adopted by the British Parliament, and now actually carrying on against our brethren at Boston, in the province of Massachusetts Bay, whereby duties and taxes are imposed on the Americans without their consent: Do think it our duty to make public our sentiment in those matters, to the intent that a firm union may be preserved through the American colonies, which union we apprehend necessary to our common safety; wherefore we do unanimously and firmly resolve and declare:

"I. That we look upon the cause of Boston, in its consequences and essential connections with, to be the common cause of all North America.

II. That the measures now pursuing against Boston and the Massachusetts Bay are manifest infractions of their rights as

English subjects, and in their consequence and nature oppressive, and totally subversive of American Liberty.

III. That all legal and constitutional means ought to be used by all Americans to remove those unconstitutional measures now carrying on against the American Colonies.

IV. Therefore we will join with the Towns in this and the sister Colonies in all reasonable and lawful measures that shall be thought best by the Hon. General Congress now sitting, to assert, maintain, and defend our common rights and privileges.

V. That we fully acquiesce in the Resolutions come into by the Hon. House of Representatives at their session at Hartford, in May last, and order the same to be entered at large in the records of this town as being fully expressive of the sense of this meeting on the important subject to which they refer, that future generations may have access to them on every proper occasion.

VI. That we think it friendly and humane to contribute for the relief of the poor of Boston in their present distress.

VII. That Samuel Canfield, William Cogswell, and Daniel Everitt, Esqrs., Dea. Abraham Camp, Capt. Sherman Boardman, and Messrs. Abel Hine and Josiah Starr be a committee to receive and answer all letters, and to collect and communicate all necessary intelligence, and to receive and forward such contributions that may be made in this town for the abovementioned purposes, and order these resolves to be printed in the Hartford paper, or Connecticut *Courant*, and that any four of the members have power to act.

VIII. That we disapprove of all riots, tumultuous and unwarrantable meetings, mobs and combinations among ourselves, under color of defending our privileges."

On the 12th of the next December (1774), a committee of Inspection was appointed "according to the General Congress advice, and also according to the concurrence thereto by the Hon. General Assembly holden at New Haven in October last past:"

Amos Northrop,
Isaac Hitchcock,
Bushnell Bostwick,
Nathaniel Bozworth,
Epenetus Platt,
Isaac Bostwick,

Samuel Canfield,
Reuben Booth,
Sherman Boardman,
Eleazer Warner,
George Smith,
Gilead Sperry.

The committee of Inspection and Correspondence appointed in December, 1776, were:

Mr. Samuel Comstock,	William Cogswell, Esqr.,
Mr. Israel Baldwin,	Abel Hine, Esqr.,
Capt. Abram Camp,	Mr. Amos Northrop,
Daniel Everitt, Esqr.,	Capt. Sherman Boardman,
Capt. James Terrill,	Mr. Reuben Booth,
Mr. John Comstock,	Mr. Asahel Noble,
Mr. George Smith,	Dea. Benjamin Gaylord,
Doct. Jonah Todd,	Mr. Oliver Warner,
Joseph Ruggles, Esqr.,	Mr. Caleb Bennett,
Col. Bushnell Bostwick,	Mr. Samuel Warner,
Samuel Bostwick, Esqr.,	Dea. Ebenezer Hotchkiss.
Col. Samuel Canfield,	

All the above titles are given the same as in the records of the town, and reveal the standing of these men, and hence the dignity and commanding influence of the cause they were to represent, in the estimation of the people of this town.

The battle at Concord, Mass., on the 19th of April, 1775, was the opening of the war, and troops were called from all parts of the country, but hostilities were not pressed by the British during that summer.

Capt. Isaac Bostwick was sent with a company of soldiers from New Milford to Boston in the autumn or winter of 1775, and remained there during January and February. A book containing the weekly report of his company for six or eight weeks is still preserved in the possession of Mr. John R. Bostwick, which informs that the company belonged to Col. Webb's Regiment, and were at "Winter Hill," near Boston, during January (1776), and in Roxbury during the next February. The names of the men are not on this book, very much to our regret, but the number of officers and men was sixty-five, several of them being without arms. Isaac Bostwick was Captain of the militia company of the "South End;" that is, south of an east and west line crossing the town at the Congregational meeting-house.

Captain Bostwick's Company had not returned home when another company was ordered to New York; this is called "Captain Couch's Company, in Col. Andrew Ward's Regiment;" most of the officers and men being of New Milford. The book of accounts kept by Benjamin Bostwick, Jr., as Clerk in this

company, is still preserved, and is in the keeping of Col. Wm. J. Starr. The company was in the service two months and twenty-three days,—from Feb. 1, 1776.

Names of officers and privates.

<i>Lt. Ebenezer Couch,</i>	<i>Israel Camp,</i>
<i>Lt. Elizur Warner,</i>	<i>Samuel Copley,</i>
<i>Ens. Noble Hine,</i>	<i>Ezra Dunning,</i>
<i>Benjamin Bostwick, Jr., Clerk,</i>	<i>Fedediah Durkee,</i>
<i>Sergt. David Whittlesey,</i>	<i>Caswell Dean,</i>
<i>Sergt. Benjamin Weller,</i>	<i>Thomas Drinkwater,</i>
<i>Sergt. Matthew Brownson,</i>	<i>Stephen Evitts,</i>
<i>Sergt. Oliver Bostwick,</i>	<i>Asa Farrand,</i>
<i>Corpl. Gideon Morgan,</i>	<i>William Foot,</i>
<i>Corpl. Uri Jackson,</i>	<i>Jonathan Gray,</i>
<i>Corpl. Nathaniel Cole,</i>	<i>Epenetus Gunn,</i>
<i>Corpl. William Nichols,</i>	<i>Elnathan Gregory,</i>
<i>Corpl. Lemuel Thayer,</i>	<i>Liverius Hawley,</i>
<i>Drumr., Eleazer Hendrix,</i>	<i>Asahel Hotchkiss,</i>
<i>Fifer, David Ruggles,</i>	<i>Richard Johnson,</i>
<i>Fifer, John Couch,</i>	<i>John Keeler,</i>
<i>Nathaniel Averill,</i>	<i>David Keeler,</i>
<i>Benjamin Adams,</i>	<i>Nathan Keeler,</i>
<i>Salmon Bostwick,</i>	<i>Jonathan Lum,</i>
<i>John Baldwin,</i>	<i>Joseph Mygatt,</i>
<i>John Beach,</i>	<i>Lyman Noble,</i>
<i>Israel Bostwick,</i>	<i>Ephraim Minor,</i>
<i>David Buel,</i>	<i>David Porter,</i>
<i>Fared Baldwin,</i>	<i>Samuel Prince,</i>
<i>David Bosworth,</i>	<i>Amos Prime,</i>
<i>Caleb Barns,</i>	<i>Reuben Phillips,</i>
<i>Matthias Beeman,</i>	<i>William Peet,</i>
<i>Stiles Bardsley,</i>	<i>John Rood,</i>
<i>Joel Bostwick,</i>	<i>Isaac M. Ruggles,</i>
<i>John Canfield,</i>	<i>Aziah Robards,</i>
<i>Jesse Camp,</i>	<i>Nathan Rowley,</i>
<i>Jonathan Critenden,</i>	<i>Lisse Sanford,</i>
<i>Elijah Cary,</i>	<i>Asa Starkweather,</i>
<i>Fonah Todd,</i>	<i>John Turrill,</i>

*Ebenezer Trowbridge,
Stephen Turrell,
Ebenezer Williams,
William Whitely,*

*Nathan Wildman,
Cooley Weller,
Abel Wilkinson,
Lewis Hunt.*

The campaign opened the next year in New Milford, by the following proceedings in town meeting:

Mar. 31, 1777. "Voted, that a committee be appointed according to the advice of His Hon^r. the Governor, &c., for the purpose of furnishing the quota of soldiers in the Continental service for said New Milford.

"Lt. Zadoc Noble, Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Jr., Ens. Jeremiah Canfield, Mr. Ithiel Stone, Dea. Israel Baldwin, Mr. Thomas Brownson, and Mr. Zachariah Sanford, were chosen the committee.

"Voted, that the town of New Milford will give twelve pounds lawful money, bounty, for the first year's service in addition to all encouragement already given to such inhabitants of this town as shall enlist into the Continental service for three years, or during the present war, within ten days from this time, including those who belong to this town who have already enlisted, subducting only their wages from the time they enlisted to this day, and such private donations as they have received.

"That for the second and third years, said soldiers who shall so enlist shall have six pounds lawful money pr. year to be paid out of the town treasury."

After making provisions by which to supply the money to pay these engagements, the committee entered upon their work; and the tax collectors, Joseph Mygatt and Daniel Hine, upon theirs; but these were only the beginning of troubles, expenses, and privations.

"Sep. 30, 1777. That the town will proceed to transport some salt which belongs to said town.

"William Cogswell, Esqr., and Capt. Ebenezer Couch to be a committee to procure said salt and fetch to New Milford, and that the said committee shall apply to the Selectmen for money to bear the expense of transporting said salt from Boston to said town."

The only safe way of conveying salt or mercantile articles from Boston to this place at that time was by carts drawn by

oxen or horses, by which means it is probable it was secured in this case. It is said in the record, "to transport some salt which belongs to this town," that is, salt which had been apportioned to this town by the Colonial government, since it was so scarce that the government took charge of the distribution to keep it out of the hands of rapacious speculators. Such was only one of the straits into which the Colonies were thrown in the early part of the great struggle for liberty.

Another department of work is revealed in the following record, and which was one of great importance through the continuance of the war.

"Capt. Sherman Boardman, Mr. Samuel Warner, Mr. Simeon Baldwin, Capt. Benjamin Brownson, Capt. Ebenezer Couch, Mr. Ithiel Stone, and Dea. Ebenezer Hotchkiss shall be a committee to procure clothing for the soldiers in the Continental service."

The committee of inspection and correspondence, which was a kind of home police of patriotism, in 1778, were:

Capt. Elizur Warner,
Lt. Isaac De Forest,
Lt. Benjamin Seelye,
Capt. Reuben Bostwick,
Capt. Paul Yates,
Mr. Daniel Everett,

Capt. James Terrill,
Mr. Amos Northrop,
Mr. John Porter,
Mr. Nathan Gaylord,
Mr. Samuel Merwin, Jr.

The committee to procure supplies for the soldiers in the Continental army were:

Capt. James Terrill,
Mr. Reuben Booth,
Lt. David Smith,

Mr. Simeon Baldwin,
Capt. Benjamin Brownson.

To provide clothing for the soldiers in the Continental army:

Ens. Jeremiah Canfield,
Mr. Ebenezer Hotchkiss,

Mr. Simeon Baldwin,
Mr. Asahel Noble.

At the annual town meeting in December, 1779, a new method was adopted for furnishing clothing:

"Voted, that the inhabitants of New Milford shall be divided into twelve districts . . . and that the said districts shall furnish their respective quotas as shall be assigned to them as aforesaid; and, on the failure of each or either of said districts in furnishing the clothing allotted to them as aforesaid, then in case a warrant for impressing clothing be granted it shall be divided to the districts that are deficient in proportion to the deficiencies."

The extreme measures which seemed necessary at the time are revealed in two votes, one being for three shillings tax on the pound of money, and the other "that the selectmen shall be and are impowered to deliver back those guns to such disaffected persons of this town as have been disarmed, according to their discretion."

Several persons went from this town and joined the British army to fight against their own kindred and country; and worse, some joined in bands or companies as Tory "roughs," and passed from place to place as bandits, having secret hiding-places; and hence, out of self-preservation of life and goods, the precaution was wise and right to take the arms of certain persons from them. For holding sentiments of loyalty to the King no one was ever disturbed, so far as yet learned; but when they threatened the burning of dwellings, and the destruction of property and life, it was proper to defeat their intentions in such designs. Two brothers by the name of Fairchild joined the British army, and after some months returned to their sister's house in New Milford, on furlough. While visiting, the sister called their attention to some new window-curtains as very nice. They remarked, "Only so much more finery to be burned." The sister asked, "Are you going back to the British army?" They said, "Certainly; we are only off on a furlough." "Well," said she, "such being your sentiments, I do not wish ever to see you again. Do not ever come back to this town."

March 13, 1780. A committee of inspection on provisions, agreeable to a late act of Assembly, was chosen as follows:

Mr. Simcon Baldwin,	Benjamin Gaylord,
Capt. Noble Hine,	Ebenezer Gaylord,
Mr. Daniel Everitt,	Asahel Noble,
Capt. Paul Yates,	Capt. Elizur Warner,
Mr. Ebenezer Hotchkiss,	Israel Camp,
Mr. George Smith,	Lemuel Warner,
Capt. Sherman Boardman,	Capt. Joseph Ruggles,
Mr. Ithiel Stone,	Dea. Abram Camp,
Mr. Thomas Lewis,	Ephraim Buck,
Capt. Benjamin Brownson,	Samuel Merwin,
Capt. Reuben Bostwick,	Martin Warner,
Mr. Israel Baldwin,	Uri Jackson,
Joseph Hartwell,	Robert Bostwick,
Doct. Reuben Warner,	Nehemiah Hawley.

In June, 1780, upon the call from Congress for more soldiers, the town voted that "every soldier who shall voluntarily enlist to serve in the Continental Battalions for the space of six months, or until the first day of January next (unless sooner discharged) shall be paid out of the town treasury of said New Milford by the first day of January for every month they are in said service, four bushels of wheat, or an equivalent thereto in money in addition to the bounty and encouragement already given by the State."

In addition to this they voted to give three bushels of wheat or an equivalent in money to all militia-men who might be called to serve one month, in addition to all other pay, and when they should serve more than a month, then three bushels of wheat for every month. The same was also granted to the detachment which was then under marching orders from New Milford to West Point for an unlimited time. Two months later the town offered ten bushels of wheat per month for every soldier who should enlist for four months, and in the next November a committee was appointed to classify the inhabitants of the town "in order to raise recruits for three years or during the war." In December of the same year (1780) the town placed the whole matter of raising recruits in the hands of a committee to do the best they could, and the town would pay the bills and carry out the engagements they should make. Under this arrangement the work was performed so well that in January, 1781, they voted "that this town entertain the highest sense of gratitude to the officers and soldiers who have served in the Continental army, for their patriotic spirit in entering the service, for their soldier-like behavior, for their patience and fortitude in suffering many hardships and discouragements which nothing but an ardent love of liberty and their country could inspire, and that this vote of thanks be recorded as a testimony of our gratitude."

Having passed this most just and proper expression of appreciation, they proceeded to make further arrangements for filling the ranks for the next summer's campaign, which proved to be their last act of the kind, since the war ended, with the surrender of Cornwallis, in October, 1781; and we have seen the day of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of that

surrender, but can scarcely realize how vast the changes in that one hundred years.

But the conflicts and consequences of the war were not past, if the fighting by the armies was, for the town found reason, in the irresistible remembrance of the past, to record the following action :

"It is supposed that many of the people of this town who have left their country's cause and joined the enemies of these states, are now desirous of returning to their usual homes :—this meeting, after fully debating upon the subject, and considering those men who have thus in a critical season voluntarily left their own country's cause and thereby deprived it of their help and assistance which might be expected from them, are of the mind that all those persons under the above description, cannot, agreeable to the feelings and opinions of the people of this town, be accepted and received again as inhabitants of this town. Unanimously voted.

"Voted, that none of those persons who have voluntarily gone over and joined the enemy, shall be suffered to abide and continue in the town during the present situation of our public affairs." To carry out these resolutions, a committee was appointed of those men who knew what the terrible struggle had been, and the consequence was that several never came back, and never obtained any benefit of the possessions they once owned in the town. In February, 1782, fifteen acres of land belonging to Samuel Miles, having been confiscated by the state, was sold at auction for seventy pounds money.

A Neighborly Contribution.

The following receipt is on the town records :

"Received, Litchfield, 28th Sept., 1779, of the First Society in New Milford, by the hand of Col. Samuel Canfield, ninety-four pounds, sixteen shillings money, which was contributed by said society for the relief of the suffering and distressed inhabitants of the towns of New Haven, Fairfield, and Norwalk. £94-16.

Per REUBEN SMITH, County Treasurer."

Value of Continental Money.

"March, 1780. Voted, that the society's committee receive either the principal or interest of the donation notes at the rate of twenty-five shillings in continental money, for one shilling lawful money, or old way, as is due upon said notes, until the time of the next adjournment of this meeting."

Revolutionary Soldiers.

Elijah Boardman enlisted when 16 years of age, in 1776, and served some months.

Capt. Reuben Bostwick, born in 1758, son of Capt. Isaac, served in the Revolution. He removed to Hinesburg, Vt., about 1790.

Lt. Oliver Bostwick was in the Revolutionary War; returned home and lived years after.

Ebenezer Bostwick was Orderly Sergeant during the Revolution, and in 1788 removed to Hinesburg, Vt.; from there afterwards to Elizabethtown, N. Y., and thence to Rootstown, Ohio, in 1803, where he died.

Stephen Crane, Sen., was commissary of an artillery company in the Revolution.

Orange Ferriss, son of David, died in the army at Crown Point, Sept. 13, 1775.

Isaac Baldwin, son of Theophilus 1st, was in the battle of Danbury, in the Revolution.

Lt. Israel Baldwin was lieutenant in the Revolution in Col. Silliman's regiment,—appointed June 14, 1776, to be marched directly to New York.

"**Ichabod Wilkinson**, a soldier of the 7th Connecticut regiment, having served with reputation three years, the full term for which he enlisted, is discharged the service of the United States.

Camp, 12th Feb., 1780.

PHIL. B. BRADLEY, Col. Com'd."

Col. Josiah Starr served in the Revolution, and for a time was keeper of the military stores in Danbury. In May, 1776, he was appointed captain in one of the regiments, being raised for the defence of this and other united colonies. In June, 1776, he was appointed Lieut.-Col. of 2d Battalion then to be raised,

—his commission, dated Jan. 9, 1777, signed by John Hancock, being now in possession of his grandson, Col. Wm. J. Starr. He went north, was at the siege of St. John's, and on his return received a commission as colonel, Aug. 10, 1780; was at Monmouth, Germantown, and with the army during that terrible winter of suffering when it was short of supplies. He died Oct. 15, 1813.

Joseph Wheaton, Jr., was a soldier, and was taken prisoner and suffered all the horrors of imprisonment in New York, where he died.

Benjamin Wheaton was taken prisoner with his brother Joseph,—suffered with him, and died from the effects of the imprisonment. His brother Sylvester went to bring them home; finding them, he carried one out of the city in his arms, then went back for the other, and on his return, found the first one dead, and the other did not live to reach home.

The above is not a complete list of the Revolutionary soldiers, but only such as have been obtained from reliable record.

Soldiers in the French War.

Robert Bostwick, Jr., returned home sick with the small-pox, and died Nov. 11, 1759.

Daniel Dayton, son of Josiah, died in camp at Oswego, Oct. 5, 1760.

Thomas Drinkwater, son of William, died Nov. 3, 1755, at the camp at Fort Edward, being under the command of Capt. Samuel Dimmick.

John Drinkwater, son of William, died Sep. 8, 1755, at the camp at Lake George, being a soldier under Capt. Benjamin Hinman [of Woodbury].

Joel Hamlin, son of Nathaniel, died Sep. 21, 1755, at Albany, being a soldier under Capt. Benjamin Hinman.

Silas Hill enlisted in 1756; served one year, and afterwards settled in New Milford.

Abraham Taylor, son of Thomas, died Sep. 8, 1755, at camp at Lake George, being one of Capt. Benjamin Hinman's company.

Stephen Turrill, at the age of 15, joined the army under

Gen. Abercrombie, in the campaign of 1758, against the French and Indians.

At the commencement of the Revolution, he again became a soldier, and continued through the war. He died at Charlotte in Vermont, Feb. 28, 1848, aged 101 years and 4 months. One record says, he died in 1844, aged 97 years.

Solomon Warner died at Montreal, in the English camp, Sept. 20, 1760.

Hezekiah Baldwin was lieutenant in the French War, and went to Crown Point and Ticonderoga. He shot an Indian and obtained his powder-horn, a large one, which was treasured carefully many years by his nephew Noble. He removed from New Milford, but to what place it is not known.

Capt. Joseph Canfield's Company.

The following papers were sent to the *Gazette* of New Milford for publication in June, 1882. In sending them, Mr. Isaac Hunting of Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., N. Y., says: "Some old papers in the possession of the descendants of James W. Smith, who fifty years ago was a resident of this town, have a musty tint, and yet in many respects are interesting for what is written and printed thereon. Among these are some military papers, having an especial local interest in New Milford and Western Connecticut, and also to some extent a general national interest. They date back to the French and English war in this country in 1758, and were accumulated and used by Capt. Joseph Canfield, the paternal grandfather of Sarah Canfield, the wife of James W. Smith, heretofore mentioned. He appears to have been a man of thorough method and system in his business, and died possessed of a large landed estate in New Milford."

All of the above that refers to Capt. Canfield as a citizen of New Milford was most fully true.

The earliest date of these papers is from Governor Fitch:

"Whereas it is proposed to raise some independent companies at their own charge and expense to assist the army in the expedition to Crown Point, this may certify then that if such companies appear and desire commissions for proper officers, I shall be ready to give them. This I thought proper to signify for encouragement of such as are inclined to serve as aforesaid.

Norwalk y^e 12 September 1755.

THO^s. FITCH."

This letter was found among Capt. Canfield's papers, but whether he engaged in the war at that time is not known. Several young men went in that year (1755) as soldiers as far as Fort Edward, where they died, and it is probable that there were more than those who died.

In the spring of 1758, Capt. Joseph Canfield raised a company which served in the campaign under Col. David Wooster (afterwards General), and many of the original enlistment papers have been preserved. The form of enlistment was thus: "Ephraim Guthrie, of New Milford, in Litchfield county: I do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier to serve his Majesty King George the Second in a Regiment of Foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut to be commanded by Col. David Wooster of New Haven, for invading Canada, and carrying War into the Heart of the Enemy's Possessions. As Witness my Hand in Kent the 2d day of April in the year of our Lord 1758.

EPHRAIM GUTHRIE."

Accompanying this enlistment is a certificate of a justice of the peace as follows:

"These certify that Ephraim Guthrie, y^e above signer, came before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Litchfield, and acknowledged to have voluntarily enlisted to serve his Majesty King George the Second in the above Regiment. He also acknowledged he had heard the Second and Sixth Sections of the Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion read unto him, and taken the Oath of Fidelity mentioned in the Articles of War.

INCKEASE MOSELEY, *Justice of the peace.*"

In the enlistments preserved, in some cases the blanks for the Colonels commanding are not filled,—those filled have "John Read, Esq.," "David Wooster," and "Colonel of the fourth regiment."

The following is a list of the names of these soldiers, their residence, date of enlistment, the regiment and the Justice certifying, as they appear upon the papers:

Canaan, in Litchfield County, regiment of Colonel John Read, Esq., certified by John Beebe, Justice of the Peace.

<i>Augustine Brian, Jr.</i> ,	April 10.	<i>Jesse Sawyer</i> ,	April 10.
<i>Thomas Latimer</i> ,	" 7.	<i>Roger Clark</i> ,	" 5.
<i>Fohn Bunce</i> ,	" 10.	<i>Fohn Dean</i> ,	" 10.
<i>Elijah Kellogg</i> ,	" 10.	<i>Fonathan Devereux</i> ,	
<i>Thomas North</i> ,	" 10.	from Goshen,	" 10.
<i>Robert Vine</i> ,	" 18.		

New Milford Fourth Regiment, Bushnell Bostwick, Justice.

<i>Benjamin Hinman</i> ,	April 8.	<i>Daniel Buck</i> ,	April 25.
<i>Benjamin Stone</i> ,	" 5.	<i>Benjamin Brownson</i> ,	" 25.
<i>Zadok Hawkins</i> ,	" 5.	<i>Elnathan Botchford</i> ,	" 8.
<i>Israel Baldwin</i> ,	" 5.	<i>David Downs</i> ,	" 21.
<i>Robert Bell</i> ,	" 5.	<i>Fohn Murrey</i> ,	" 2.
<i>Silas Hill</i> ,	no date.	<i>Amos Daton</i> ,	" 8.
<i>Feptha Hawley</i> ,	April 25.		

The following from New Milford, Col. David Wooster's Regiment—Increase Moseley, Justice.

<i>Ephraim Guthrie</i> ,	April 2.	<i>Jacob Parish</i> ,	April 7.
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From Woodbury, Col. David Wooster's Regiment—Bushnell Bostwick, Justice.

<i>Aaron Hurlburt</i> ,	April 21.	<i>Solomon Squier</i> ,	
<i>Fehiel Bradley</i> ,	" 10.	Fourth Regiment,	April 11.
<i>Joseph Burch</i> ,	" 15.		

The following are certified to by Daniel Sherman, Justice of the Peace, but the residence and Regiment are left blank :

<i>Fehiel Peet</i> ,	April 3.	<i>Gideon Munn</i> ,	April 13.
<i>David Foot</i> ,	" 19.	<i>Benjamin Warner</i> , certi-	
<i>Fohn Watson</i> ,	" 19.	fied from Woodbury,	" 17.
<i>David Colhoon</i> ,	" 19.	<i>David Durkee</i> ,	" 19.
<i>Gershom Lake</i> ,	" 13.	<i>Gidcon Walker</i> ,	" 3.
<i>Zechariah Walker</i> ,	" 13.	<i>Lowell Hurd</i> ,	" 13.
<i>Thomas Barker</i> ,	" 17.	<i>Fohn Brownson</i> ,	" 10.
<i>Daniel Manvell</i> ,	" 3.	<i>Fohn Burrall</i> ,	
<i>Elijah Hurlburt</i> ,	" 19.	from Woodbury,	April 10.
<i>Nathaniel Sanford</i> ,	" 6.		

From Farmington, for Col. David Wooster's regiment, certified by David Whitney, Justice:

Fustus Ashman, (Canaan), April 10.

Daniel Pike, April 25, Dover, Dutchess Co., 4th regiment. Certified to by Paul Welch, [New Milford] Justice of the Peace in Litchfield county.

From Kent, for Col. Wooster's regiment, certified by Justice Moseley:

Amos Palmer, April 3. *Henry Fisher*, certified
Timothy Divine, " 7. by Timo. Collins, April 24.

In addition to the above, the following have not a certificate of a Justice:

Edward Cogswell of Kent, March 31.

Caleb Hurlbut of Litchfield, May 8.

Moses Fisher of New Milford, April 2.

These are all the enlistments on these papers, but may not comprise all of Captain Joseph Canfield's company, neither is it certain that all these were in his company. A much mutilated fragment of his muster-roll for 1758 contains the officers of his company.

<i>Capt.</i>	<i>Joseph Canfield,</i>	<i>Clerk.</i>	<i>Abel Hine.</i>
<i>Lieuts.</i>	<i>Phincas Castle,</i>	<i>Corporals.</i>	<i>Zadok Hawkins,</i>
	<i>Elnathan Ashmun,</i>		<i>David Calhoon,</i>
<i>Ensign,</i>	<i>Nathan Tibbals,</i>		<i>Solomon Wright,</i>
<i>Sergeants,</i>	<i>Israel Baldwin,</i>		<i>Elezer Curtiss.</i>
	<i>Abraham Brownson,</i>	<i>Drummers.</i>	<i>Feremiah Canfield,</i>
	<i>Joseph Prindle,</i>		<i>Edward Cogswell.</i>
	<i>John Murry.</i>		

The enlistments were made in April, and the next month Capt. Canfield received the following orders:

"NEW HAVEN, 22d May, 1758.

Sir: Pursuant to the orders I have received from Governor Fitch, I do hereby order and direct you to march with the company under your command to Albany, after you are furnished with arms and other necessaries for the march, in order to be there ready for service of the campaign. You will take care to provide one team for the baggage of your company. You will also direct that one officer of your company remain behind to fill up the number of your company, and to do that as

soon as possible; and then direct him to march and join you at Albany. Upon your arrival at Albany you will wait on the Commander-in-chief, and attend his orders, &c.

I am your humble servant,

DAVID WOOSTER."

To Captain Canfield.

Not the least entertaining among these scraps of paper are those pertaining to the impressment of guns for this company. To this end the Justice issued a warrant, and the gun was taken and appraised and paid for, or returned. Capt. Canfield's memorandum of these reads:

"WOODBURY, June 10, 1758.

An account of guns, &c., impressed and delivered to the soldiers going into ye expedition under Capt. Joseph Canfield.

One gun and bayonet impressed from Garwood Cunningham, appraised at £2 5s.; also belt and cartridge, 5s. 6d.; also one cutlass, 12s. marked G. C., delivered unto John Brownson.

A gun and cutlass, impressed from Elisha Stoddard, was delivered unto Abraham Brownson. One impressed from Abijah Mitchell was delivered to Daniel Read. One from Eldad Spencer was delivered to John Wolton, Jr. One impressed from Peter Walker was delivered to Daniel Manville."

These were all from Woodbury, and "all appraised by appraisers under oath. Thus certified Daniel Sherman, Justice of the peace."

The bill of the Justice for this service is recorded by himself:

"A writ of impressing,	£0 1 0	For the appraisers,	0 4 0
Officers' fees thereon,	0 4 0	For my own trouble,	0 3 0
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			0 12 0

Taxed by me, Daniel Sherman, Justice of the peace "

For these impressments Lieut. Castle gave a receipt, of which this is a copy:

"WOODBURY, June 10, 1758.

I, the subscriber, Lieut. Phineas Castle, have received of Daniel Sherman, Esqr., all the within arms, &c., by whose warrant the same were impressed for the soldiers in the company under ye command of Capt. Joseph Canfield, at the prizes within set to each.

I say received by me,

PHINEAS CASTLE, Lieut."

On January 3d, the next year, the guns thus impressed were receipted for as returned, by the respective owners, which was done at Woodbury.

The bayonet and belt accompanying the gun, impressed from

Peter Walker, marked P. W., and delivered unto Daniel Manvell, has this significant notice :

"N. B. That night the fight was at Ticonderoga, the above-mentioned belt and bayonet was left, and never been found since, which was appraised 6s. by the appraisers aforesaid.

DANIEL MANVELL."

This careful preservation of all his papers by Capt. Joseph Canfield, indicates his correct business habits, and the preservation of these papers 120 years by his descendants, signifies the perpetuation of the same:

The Militia of the Town.

The historical sermon of the Rev. Stanley Griswold, delivered in 1800, gives the following account of military matters :

"There have been eight military field officers in this town as follows, viz.:

Major John Bostwick,	Col. Elisha Bostwick,
Col. Bushnell Bostwick,	Maj. Daniel Boardman,
Col. Samuel Canfield,	Maj. Reuben Warner,
Col. Josiah Starr (in ye army),	Maj. William Taylor.

"For several years, viz.: till the year 1744, there was but one military company in the town,—which was formed and organized somewhere between the years 1715 and 1720. The officers were as follows:

Capt. Stephen Noble (served 20 years),	Capt. Theophilus Baldwin,
Lieut. John Bostwick,	Lieut. Joseph Bostwick,
Ens. William Gaylord,	Ens. Samuel Canfield.

[The second set above were appointed in October, 1738, and hence if Stephen Noble served twenty years, as is probable, then the company was first organized in 1718.]

"The aforesaid company was divided, and two companies were established and organized in the year 1744; since which there have been thirteen captains in each of the companies as follows, viz.:

First Company.	Second Company.
Joseph Bostwick,	Nathaniel Bostwick,
Nathan Botsford,	John Warner,
Theophilus Baldwin,	John Hitchcock,
Sherman Boardman,	Jehiel Hawley,
Epenetus Platt,	Samuel Canfield,
Benjamin Stone,	Isaac Bostwick,
William Gaylord,	Elizur Warner,
Daniel Camp,	Noble Hine,
Abel Gunn,	Elisha Bostwick,
Abner Gunn,	John Merwin,
Eli Todd,	Amasa Ferris,
Benjamin R. Bostwick,	Reuben Warner,
Beebe Hine.	Elizur Warner, Jr.

¹ This list is a little erroneous compared with the Colonial Records.

"A troop of horse was formed of New Milford, Woodbury, and Litchfield, so long ago as the year 1744, which continued about 10 or 12 years, but there was not any captain in this town.

Another troop of horse belonging to New Milford, Washington, and Warren, was formed in the year 1790, of which the captains belonging to this town have been as follows, viz.:

William Taylor, Stephen Chittenden, Jr., Herman Canfield.

"A company of Light Infantry was formed in this town in 1792, of which the captains have been as follows, viz.:

Daniel Boardman,
Nicholas S. Masters,

Briggs Ingersoll,
Abraham Hayes.

"Another company of militia was formed out of those already mentioned, in the year 1793, belonging to that part of the town called the Neck [now Bridgewater], of which the captains have been as follows, viz.:

Joseph Squire, Ebenezer Trowbridge, Abijah Treat."

The dividing line between the two military companies running east and west, was one passing at the first meeting-house, and this was what gave the names "North End" and "South End."

Indenture of Negro York.

"Whereas Mr. Noah Smith of New Fairfield hath a Negro named York, who is a slave for his lifetime, who has for his lawful wife an Indian woman, who was free-born, named Lavina; which Indian woman being extremely uneasy, almost to a degree of desperation with her situation, being wife to a slave, hath practiced of late to rove about from place to place, away from her husband's master's, thereby making her husband uneasy and less serviceable to his master," therefore the said Noah Smith agreed Jan. 19, 1769, to liberate said York, upon the condition that the wife of York, Lavina, should work for John Cannon, "late of New Milford," for five years from date, to earn fifteen pounds money, and she pay for her own clothing, sickness, and medicine if any, until the five years should be fully completed, during all which time the slave York was to work for his master Noah Smith. The fifteen pounds money was to pay Mr. Smith for his property, York. Some of the stipulations were: "The goods of her said master she shall not embezzle, waste, nor them lend without his consent. She shall not frequent, nor play at games at taverns or ale-houses. From the service of her master she shall not at any time depart, nor absent herself without her said master's leave, but in all things as a good and faithful servant shall demean herself."

her
"Lavina + Indian woman,
mark
his
York + Negro man,
mark
Noah Smith."

The Liberation of Slaves.

So far as the records which have been seen show, it was a woman who first liberated a slave in New Milford. The record is:

"Mary Roburds, Sen. . . . in consideration of the goodwill

and respect I have for my Negro servant named Dan do grant unto the said Dan Negro his time and freedom after my decease, upon his procuring a sufficient bondsman for his security, if need be; and I also give him one bed and covering known by the name of Dan's bed, and one certain horse-colt coming two years old of a bright bay

May 10, 1756.

MARY ^{her} + ROBBURDS."
mark.

In 1757, Mary Robburds gave Dan his freedom upon his paying her £3.2s. 5d. "annually, on the first of December during my natural life," and added to the horse a saddle and bridle. The next year Dan bought of James Bradshaw a tract of land, twenty-five acres, adjoining the southwest corner of Wood Creek meadow lots, and so soon began to show himself a man and an industrious citizen. All honor to Mary Robburds, Sen.

Partridge Thatcher's Liberation of his Slaves.

"NEW MILFORD, May 28, 1774.

This is to certify all persons whom it may concern or that have the curiosity to enquire, that I Partridge Thatcher, upon the special request of Amos Lewis, a negro man and my then negro girl, did, on the 23d day of August, 1773, desire the Rev. Mr. Richard Clarke, minister of the Church of England at New Milford, to marry them, and on the same 23d day of August, 1773, he, the said Mr. Richard Clarke, at my house in said New Milford, did, according to the form of solemnization of matrimony appointed by the Church of England, marry the said Sibyl, and the said Partridge Thatcher did, in said marriage then and there, give the said Sibyl (who was then my negro-girl) to be married to said Amos, designing thereby to give her her freedom from that day forward, and accordingly they were then married; and I do further by these presents, bona-fide declare that the said Sibyl, ever since the time of said marriage, hath been wholly free according to the common freedom of English women, and is so now and shall forever hereafter enjoy the same freedom that free-born women, natives of

this country, commonly do, both by law and custom, without any let, hindrance, or molestation, either from or by me or my heirs.

Certified by me, PARTRIDGE THATCHER.

Recorded Feb. 27, 1784, by Elisha Bostwick, Reg'r."

Heber and Peleg Gratis.

Two other persons were made free by him, both papers bearing the same date,—Dec. 30, 1780; in one of which he says: "I, Partridge Thatcher, of New Milford, in favor of freedom, do declare that from the day of the date hereof my negro man Heber, Jacob's son, shall be forever free;" and in the other he says: "I Partridge Thatcher, of New Milford, in favor of freedom, do declare that my negro man Peleg, Jacob's son, when he shall arrive at the full age of twenty-five years, which will be on the 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1782, shall be forever free, and shall enjoy the same freedom that other men of this country commonly enjoy."

These papers were evidently drawn by Mr. Thatcher himself, and were held by the parties two years before they were recorded. The first of the three was retained ten years before being recorded; and these facts show the individuality of these acts; that Mr. Thatcher being "*in favour of freedom*" as the sole reason why he made these persons free, was moved by his personal sense of right, justice, righteousness and Christianity, to execute these papers and secure freedom to these persons. Let it then be remembered that Connecticut men did not free their slaves for the sole reason that it did not "*pay to keep them*," as has been so many thousands of times alleged. All these slaves were young, and in market in that day would have brought from three to five hundred dollars each; and to retain on a farm, such as Mr. Thatcher had, were worth in clear gain annually, at a small estimate, each of them from fifty to one hundred dollars. But besides the above three Mr. Thatcher liberated two others.

Jacob and Dinah Gratis.

"These may certify all that it may concern, that I, Partridge Thatcher, of New Milford, in favour of Freedom, do declare that from the day of the date hereof my negro man Jacob Gratis and my negro woman Dinah, Jacob's wife, shall both of them

forever be free and shall both of them enjoy the same freedom that other men and their wives, that were free-born of this country, commonly enjoy, so that neither I nor my heirs nor assigns shall ever have any demands for the future on them or either of them but shall esteem the said Jacob and Dinah free as abovesaid : Provided, that the abovesaid Jacob and Dinah take my youngest negro boy Cyrus to live with them, and take a fatherly and motherly care of him from the day of the date hereof until he shall arrive at the full age of five years, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, on the 28th day of April in said year, and at their own expense and cost during said term, provide for him, the said Cyrus, in sickness and health with sufficient meats, drinks, washing and lodging, and also complete clothing suitable to his age and condition, and when he shall arrive at the full age of five years, said Jacob and Dinah shall return said Cyrus to me sufficiently clothed as abovesaid, all at their own expense and cost, as witness my hand and dated this 30th day of March A.D. 1781.

PARTRIDGE THATCHER.

Witnesses: L. M. Hitchcock,
Abigail Thomas."

Sherman Boardman's Negro Nehemiah.

"These Certify; That Capt. Sherman Boardman, of New Milford, in the county of Litchfield and state of Connecticut, having applied to us the subscribers, being a major part of the selectmen in and for said town of New Milford for this present year, for liberty and license to emancipate and make free his Negro Slave named Nehemiah, and we having enquired into the age, ability and circumstances and character of said Negro Slave, are of opinion that it is likely to be consistent with the real advantage of said Negro Slave to be set free, and that it is probable that said Nehemiah will be able to support his own person, and that he is of good and peaceable life and conversation, and the said Sherman Boardman hath liberty to emancipate and set at liberty his said Negro Slave Nehemiah as above requested, according to a certain state law of this state entitled An Act in addition to and alteration of an Act entitled An Act concerning Indian, Mulattoes and Negro servants and slaves :—and if the

said Sherman shall on receiving this certificate emancipate and set free said Negro Slave, Nehemiah, he the said Sherman Boardman, his heirs, executors and administrators shall be and hereby are forever discharged from any and all charges or cost which may be occasioned by maintaining and supporting the said Negro Slave Nehemiah, after his being so made free as above-said. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hand this 19th day of September, A. D. 1780, and in the fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

THOMAS THAYRE,	} <i>Majority of the Selectmen of the town of New Milford, for the year 1780."</i>
ETHIEL STONE,	
MARTIN WARNER,	
ELISHA BOSTWICK,	
NOBLE HINE,	

"New Milford, Sept. 19, 1780. These may certify all concerned that I have and do hereby emancipate and set free my Negro servant Nehemiah, agreeable to the liberty granted by the Selectmen of the town of New Milford as above written, as witness my hand in presence of

Thomas Hayes,

Noble Hine.

SHERMAN BOARDMAN."

John Treat of New Milford, liberated his "Negroman named Mingo by virtue of the laws of this State," July 3, 1781, and the act was duly accepted by the Selectmen, on the 23d of July, 1781, and recorded.

A Narrative Written by Davis Baldwin.

Davis Baldwin was born in New Milford Aug. 8, 1777, where he resided until a short time before his marriage, the home of his father, Isaac Baldwin, being in the vicinity of Northville. His father was in the battle of Danbury in the Revolution; was a carpenter and farmer.

Davis Baldwin married Ann Richards, of Tyringham, Mass., Dec. 3, 1809, where he resided until May, 1831, when he removed to Great Barrington, Mass., where he died Mar. 7, 1842, in the village of Van Dusenille. He educated one of his sons at Williams College, which shows his value of education.

The narration is remarkable for the exhibition of memory and the faculty of observation, since there is but little doubt of the

faithfulness and accuracy of the dates and statements. The record is here made because of the many facts it reveals of the actual life in those times. All that he wrote is not given ; but those things which are given—being all that would be of interest—are presented with only slight variations from his manuscript. He was accustomed to write as a town clerk in Tyringham, and hence this production is remarkably correct in a literary sense.

The Narrative.

“TYRINGHAM, August 8, 1811.

As I have been told, I was born in New Milford, in the county of Litchfield, and State of Connecticut, Aug. 8th, in the year A.D. 1777 ; I being the third son and eighth child in the family, all living except the first.

This year will be remembered by all those who took an active part in the Revolutionary War so long as they shall live, better than can be described on paper ; several battles were fought in the United States. The battle of Bennington took place when I was about eight days old. Gen. Burgoyne was taken when I was about ten weeks old.

The year 1778 was a year of trouble and affliction, particularly to many of the inhabitants of New Milford. Mr. Sherwood's house was burnt, with himself, and mother, and Mr. Moses Camp, his son-in-law, who had been married about six months. This family consisted of thirteen persons ; but three escaped without injury—one a son about 14, his mother, and an infant daughter born Dec. 7th, before. Mrs. Sherwood sat up late in the night the house took fire, to prepare her family to attend a lecture that had been appointed to be held at their house. The Rev. Mr. Taylor was to preach, and baptize their children. Mr. Sherwood and one daughter lived a short time after the fire. Mrs. Sherwood, her son Wells, and infant, Sarah, were all that were saved. Those who had intended to be at the lecture attended at the same time, but their meeting was of a different one—a melancholy sight. The remains of those who lived a few hours were buried in separate coffins. The parts of those that could be found that the fire could not consume were all put into a large box made for that purpose, and buried in New Milford town. The place where the box was laid is known at this day by a

round hollow, the same bigness of the grave. This unhappy event took place Feb. 24, 1778.

In March the small-pox raged in New Milford, and several died ; among the number was my uncle, Israel Baldwin, in the 41st year of his age. He died March, 16th day.

In the year 1779 the war continued, and this winter was called the Hard Winter.

In the year 1780 many remarkable events might be mentioned ; a few only will be noticed. The winter of 1779-80 is the first of my remembrance. On the night of the 2d-3d of February a murder was committed in or near New Milford, by Barnard Davenport. He killed Mr. Mallery and Mrs. Mallery with a swingle, plundered and burnt the house, with several children in it. A few days after, he was taken and committed to gaol for trial in the town and county of Litchfield. About the 29th of April his trial came on before the Superior Court ; he plead guilty, and was condemned to be executed on the 8th day of May following ; and the execution took place on that day at Litchfield. He had not arrived at the age of twenty years when he was hung.¹ After he left the house on fire, he went home to his father's, and acquainted one of his brothers, Nicholas, by name, with so much of this deed, and he taking a share of the plunder, that he was punished by being compelled to sit on the gallows while his brother was hanging, and then taken down and whipped thirty-nine lashes, and sentenced to prison during life. After this, he behaving so well, and being young (about 17), the latter part of his punishment was set aside by his being bound to his good behavior, and keeping in the bounds of New Milford for ten years. This he complied with, and the term ended in 1790. In this time I became acquainted with him, and have never heard anything against his morals ; he has since deceased.

The 19th of May was a dark day in New England. I remember that our people were something terrified at the scene, and the appearance of the sky and the grass.²

In the year 1782, in the spring, uncle S. Comstock moved out

¹ This account is undoubtedly true, and that given in the Conn. Historical Collections is very erroneous as to the young man's early education and his father's family.

² This was called "The Dark Day" for many years, it being caused by an eclipse of the sun.

of our house to Chestnut Land, and I went with father and mother to see them raise a shoe-shop. This summer I went to school to Miss Mercy Baldwin, to learn my letters. The school was kept in Capt. Gunn's, in the chamber. I believe I made but little progress in learning.

The Friend, Jemima Wilkinson, preached at New Milford, and gained some proselytes.

In the year 1783 I was sent to school to Mr. Israel Baldwin, Jr., which school was kept at the new school-house, and was the first school I ever attended under the care of a master. The kind attention which I here received from my teacher made such an impression on my mind that my attachment to him was much stronger than to any one else out of my family, and which continued during life.

In the year 1784 I attended school in the winter most of the time, and learned to read in spellings. Doct. Samuel Farrand was the teacher. I also went to school a few days this summer to Miss Anne Todd Noble.

The year 1785 I attended school in the winter; Mr. Elias Kinne was our teacher. In the spring Mr. Edmund Clark's house was raised; I went to the raising. Father was the master workman.

As Col. Hymes was assisting in taking shad in the river at New Milford, he was entangled in the seine and was drowned, aged 21.

This year my father built a forge for Mr. Davenport. I and a number of boys and girls went and paid them a visit (about two miles), and we paid close attention to our employment; perhaps on account of the unfortunate affair of his son, as mentioned heretofore.

In the year 1787, I attended school in the winter. Timothy Farrand kept the school two months.

In the year 1788, Mr. Kinne was employed the third time to teach our school, and I attended most part of the time. On the 20th of March, Mr. Israel Baldwin, Jr., died, aged 27.

A terrible wind happened in August, the corn was much broken, and many trees were blown down.

A meteor was seen in the air October 17th, and a report followed with a great rumbling noise, between the hours of six and

seven in the evening. I saw the light at the window, and heard the report. Two other reports were heard in the day-time the same fall, similar to the others.

In 1789, the school was kept by Mr. Kinne for the fourth and last time. I attended steady. On the 6th of April, Nathan [Baldwin] set off for the Westward, and went as far as Freehold, on the west side of Hudson river, and on the 20th of May, Hannah set off with A. Dayton's family for the Genesee, and on the 30th Nathan returned.

On the 12th of November, father hired a wagon of Mr. Bristol, and took our grandmother Nobles from uncle A. Baldwin's to live with us during the winter. On the next day, I went with father as far as the top of the hill by Mr. Garlick's, and rode in the wagon, and there I left him, and went to Mr. Josiah Lockwood's and got me a hat, and stayed awhile to see him bow. This was the first time I ever rode in a wagon, and the first time that I ever was in a hatter's shop.

In December our school was set up. Mr. Swift Chamberlin was employed as our teacher.

In 1790, I attended in the school as long as it continued, and the school underwent quite a revolution in regard to the pronunciation of words; a number of scholars learned pieces, and dialogues, and on Wednesday, March 15th, the school assembled at the school-house, and walked in procession to Mr. E. Clark's, (a place prepared for our reception); a sermon was delivered on the occasion by Elder Roots. The day was pleasant, the performance good, and the assembly large and respectable. The day will not be soon forgotten by many of the scholars who took an active part on the occasion.

On the 27th and 28th of April, a terrible cold storm, and snow two or three inches deep. The moon rose the 28th in total eclipse, but cloudy. On the 29th, uncle A. Baldwin raised his barn, father being the master workman. On the first Monday of May I attended training in town.

Mr. Barnabas Lathrop was moved from Nine Partners this fall, to New Milford, and preached among the Separates.

In the month of January or February, 1791, an attempt was made by the Separate Church to ordain Mr. B. Lathrop. The people assembled at the Presbyterian meeting-house, and Mr. J.

Marshall preached two sermons ; but, for want of ministers or some other cause, the contemplated ordination failed, and perhaps it was best it did, considering the difficulty between him and the said church that soon after happened.

On Thursday, Mar. 24th, Mr. S. Chamberlin and Sarah Sherwood were married by the Rev. Joel Bordwell of Kent ; he being 26 years of age, and she 13. I was at this wedding, it being the first I ever attended. Mr. Bordwell preached a sermon. Sarah Sherwood was the infant mentioned as saved at the burning of Mr. Sherwood's house.

Sunday, April 3d, being of clear air and without a cloud, a very remarkable eclipse of the sun occurred, which began about sun half an hour high in the morning. The moon came on the sun's centre, but being less than the sun, he appeared like a great ring ; the air was darkened, and a gloom spread for a time over this holy morning. Nehemiah Strong, Esq.,³ wrote more than two pages in his almanac calculated at Hartford, and then printed by Hudson and Goodwin. In this calculation he found that the centre of the eclipse passed through Connecticut, through the towns of New Fairfield, New Milford, Woodbury, Wallingford, &c., to the Atlantic Ocean. Such an eclipse had not happened at the same place since August the 14th, 1757.

Our people and Mr. E. Clark fitted a new limekiln, from 8th of November to December.

In 1792, on Monday the 7th of May, the First Company 29th Regiment, Light Infantry, met in New Milford in their uniforms for the first time, under the command of Capt. Daniel Boardman. The company made a good appearance and were much admired.

On the 13th of July, Mr. Amos Collins, with two children, James F. Griswold, son of Rev. Stanley Griswold, and a daughter of widow Trowbridge, ascended the steeple in New Milford, (he being rendered blind by the small-pox). All fell. Mr. Collins was found dead on the tower floor ; the children were not killed, but much injured. They fell about fifty-four feet.

On Thursday, Nov. 1st, Mr. Cyrene Stilson began his singing at our house.

³ A professor in Yale College, but residing here.

Patience had the small-pox by inoculation, under the care of Doctor Lemuel Thomas, of New Milford.

1793, on the 13th of June, the Rev. Gideon Bostwick, of Gt. Barrington, died at Sherman Boardman, Esqr's., Mrs. Boardman being his sister. His funeral was attended on Saturday, June 15, in New Milford; a sermon was preached by the Rev. Truman Marsh, of said New Milford.

On the 16th of September, Mrs. Sarah, wife of Swift Chamberlin, died at Kent. She left a babe about a week old which soon followed her, both being buried in one coffin. Mrs. Chamberlin was saved from fire in 1778, was married, lived to see two of her own children, and died in the sixteenth year of her age.

On the 29th of November this year, died at the Friends' settlement, in the Genesee country, Sarah Richards, steward or overseer of the Friend Jemima Wilkinson, a person well known to many of the people of New Milford.

On the 8th of February, in passing the Separate meeting-house with a load of wood, Doct. L. Thomas called to me and wished to have the wood. I asked what was the occasion of so many people being present, and he informed me that they had been digging up the Rev. Gideon Bostwick, and were about to set out for Great Barrington with his remains to be there re-interred.

On Thursday, June 19, 1794, a destructive tornado crossed New Milford; blew over houses, barns, apple-trees, destroyed timber, killed a child of Mr. Cole; some others were wounded, and much grain was destroyed. [This tornado is still talked about in that vicinity.]

The 19th day of February, 1795, was appointed by the President of the United States, a day of thanksgiving throughout said United States.

On Monday, June 15th, I went to J. Lockwood's, and began to work at the hatting business, and continued as we agreed till September 15th, and then my indenture was made.

The regiment met in New Milford this fall. I was in town and took my station on the walk above the bell, and saw them march under me by platoons, and had a fair prospect in viewing the regiment as they passed the steeple.

On the 2d of January, 1796, I took, with the help of one other person, a canoe up the Housatonic river three miles; the water not being cold, and no ice in the river, but remarkably warm, and many places did not freeze over all winter. February 11th, Nathan moved to Monkton, Vt. About the 8th of March Mr. Asahel Noble died. I attended the funeral the next day. The Rev. N. Taylor made a prayer at the house, but preached no sermon.

In September, Mr. Lockwood moved to White Hall, and discharged me from my indenture.

CHAPTER XV.

NEWBURY SOCIETY (BROOKFIELD).



NEW MILFORD contributed nearly one-half of the territory which was organized into the town of Brookfield in 1788, and some account of the first settlement of this part of New Milford is here given. Some of these settlers resided in territory still in New Milford, but was included then in what was called "South Farms."

John Noble, 2d, one of the first twelve settlers in New Milford, sold his house and lot in the village Nov. 6, 1730, to William Gillett of Milford, and soon after settled at Gallows Hill, on the plains,—the first permanent settler below Gallows Hill,—and resided there, an influential citizen, to the end of his life.

Thomas Noble, his son, after about ten years, settled on a farm next north of Gallows Hill, where he resided to the end of his life, a prominent farmer of the town, and member of the Episcopal Church.

Capt. John Warner was the first settler at the "South Farms." He came from Hadley, Mass., and bought of David Noble a half Right of land Jan. 20, 1724-5, twenty-three acres of which had been laid out between Three-Mile and Four-Mile Brooks, on the plain; and the same day of the purchase were laid to him twenty acres "upon a hill called Woodcreek Hill, northward of land laid out for the maintenance of a mill," and another piece at the same place. The next March one piece was laid to him on Woodcreek Hill, and one on the east side of Woodcreek Mountain, and another on the plain, "below the Common-field fence," a little north of Four-Mile Brook, and another on the east side of Danbury road. The next September more land was surveyed to him, "lying on the north end of Woodcreek Hill."

After establishing himself on a farm of one hundred or more acres, he married Mercy, or Mary, daughter of Thomas Curtis, of Farmington, Conn., July 3, 1727, and made his home on this farm, which was a mile or more north of where John Noble, Jr., settled, or nearly a mile north of Gallows Hill. He was the first settler as far south as that, his farm being always in New Milford. He became very prominent in town, ecclesiastical, and military matters. He was made Captain of the second company of the train band in New Milford October, 1751; and Lieutenant of the fifth company in the Sixth regiment of the Colony in May, 1754, and Captain of the same in 1756. He died in December, 1762, aged 60 years.

Judge David S. Boardman says of him: "John Warner removed to New Milford from Massachusetts, and was a large landholder in the town. He would often contrast his first coming (with nothing but his axe and gun), and his easy competence, the fruit of persevering industry. He had a large family."

Joseph Warner came to the town with a family, and settled near his brother John, probably about 1728. He died in 1743, leaving quite a family.

Joseph Waller was the third settler in South Farms. While of Woodbury, in 1717, he bought of Samuel Clark, of Milford, half a Right of land in New Milford, and settled here in 1728. He was a blacksmith, and held some prominence in the town, but was not so much so as his neighbor, Capt. John Warner. He died in 1788, in his eighty-eighth year.

Capt. Joseph Ruggles was the third or fourth settler at the Iron Works (so stated by his grandson Samuel), being located at the Halfway Falls, afterwards called the Iron Works, in 1733. He purchased considerable land, besides being a partner in the Iron Works; joined the Congregational Church by letter from New Haven, in which he was prominent about twelve years, when he began to take sides with the Separates, and with whom he finally joined. He removed to New Haven, where he became Deacon of the Separate Congregational Church, remaining there a number of years, then returning to Brookfield, where he was a deacon in the Congregational Church many years. He possessed decided intellectual ability, earnest Christian character, and faithfulness to it. His descendants were known as honest, good

citizens, peculiarly attached and faithful to each other. If at any time one family became unfortunate, the others contributed their proportion to place it in the way of success and prosperity. The Ruggles families "always hung together, and helped each other." There was a large vein of wit, and humor, and good nature, as well as energy of character, in the whole family. The descendants of Joseph Ruggles, Sen., became noted in manufacturing and mercantile pursuits ; as lawyers and judges in courts ; as officers in the army and navy, and as politicians and scholars. These things will appear in the account of Lanesville and the Biographical Sketches. The sphere of action of the prominent members of this family was largely outside of New Milford.

The Iron Works.

"Aug. 12, 1732, John Noble sold to Samuel Hathaway, of Southfield, Mass., a certain piece of land and river at a place called the Halfway Falls, in the Still River, being half an acre, taking the river in and some land, so that there may be a way suitable to come at the Iron Works already set up, and also at the dam that is made across the river."

Dec. 7, 1732, Peter Hubbell, of Newtown, sold to John Fairweather "one-third part of the Iron Works, dam, houses, and instruments in making iron, on the Halfway Falls, on Still River."

On the 30th of June, 1733, John Noble bought this same interest in the Iron Works that he had sold to Mr. Hathaway about one year before.

On the 29th of November, 1733, Eleazer Hathaway, then of New Milford, borrowed £100 current money of Elisha Williams of New Haven, Peter Hubbell of Newtown, Robert Walker, Jr., of Stratford, Jared Elliot of Killingsworth, Martin Kellogg of Wethersfield, David Noble and Joseph Ruggles of New Milford, giving a mortgage on twenty acres of land "just above the Iron Works ;" but provided Eleazer Hathaway should furnish a certain amount of iron from the Iron Works for the grantees at certain prices for a certain number of years, then the mortgage to be of no effect. Mr. Hathaway was to "perform the work and business of a skillful Bloomer in the Iron Works built on the Still River Falls, in New Milford, belonging to the grantees above named, for the benefit and advantage of said grantees ;" particu-

larly that he should make twenty-four tons of iron from two forges yearly, or twelve tons if only one forge should be furnished to him. He was to make "shire moulds, cranks, gudgeons, the like such as are wont to be made in Iron Works."

In October, 1734, the proprietors voted to sequester land for a burying-place at Gallows Hill, as may be seen on page 137, and soon after the following:

"Dec. 9, 1734. Voted, that our Southward farms on the west side of the great river are to keep a school for six months beginning on the first day of April next, and to be freed from paying to the town school for said six months, or so long as they shall keep a school in said six months."

"Dec. 9, 1734. Voted, that there shall be a pound erected at our South Farms on the town charge, and set on the highway west of Joseph Waller's house, and Joseph Waller, Ezekiel Buck and John Warner are chosen to see that the said pound at said farms is completed."

The school at the South Farms was continued in a private house, probably, during the summer, the older children coming to the village or center in the winter,—until the following order was made:

"Dec. 13, 1742. Voted, that there shall be a school set up at the South Farms in said town under the direction of the civil authority and the selectmen, and also that the said South Farms shall have their equal proportion of the money that is given to the schools according to their list of estate, so long as they shall keep the school."

"Mar. 17, 1743. Voted, that there shall be a school-house built at the South Farms on the west side of the Great River twelve feet wide, and fourteen feet long, upon the town's cost, and that Mr. Nathaniel Bostwick, Mr. Paul Welch, and Mr. Thomas Pickett shall be a committee to appoint the place where the said school-house shall be erected."

Before this school-house, which was erected near Capt. John Warner's house, was finished, trouble arose about its location, it being too far away to accommodate the families at the Iron Works and some who dwelt east of that place, and hence the following:

"Dec., 1743. Voted, that the school-house that is already built

at the South Farms in New Milford shall stand where it is now built and shall be deemed a school-house for said Farms.

"Voted, that the South Farms shall be paid out of the town treasury the sum of twenty-six pounds and nine shillings, old tenor, for the building a school-house at the South Farms."

At the same time, John Warner, Ezekiel Buck, Joseph Waller, Daniel Waller, and Thomas Noble did promise to pay to Mr. Joseph Ruggles and his neighbors near the Iron Works, the sum of eight pounds and sixteen shillings, old tenor value, provided the said Ruggles and the neighbors shall build a school-house within the space of two years next coming.

This offer of Mr. Warner and his neighbors was a very considerate and neighborly act, and shows the equitable disposition of those times. The distance from Gallows Hill to the Iron Works was about two miles. In the summer of 1745, a committee was appointed to select a site for such a school-house, but they do not seem to have acted, and hence the following :

"Nov. 12, 1745. Mr. Ebenezer Fisk and Mr. Samuel Canfield were chosen a committee to appoint a place to set up a school-house at the south farms, called the Iron Works."

"Nov. 12, 1745. Upon the request of Joseph Ruggles and the rest of his neighbourhood, made unto us the subscribers, praying for the liberty to set up a regular school at our farms, and upon good reason, assigned, we allow and order a lawful and regular school shall be erected at a place appointed by said town.

EBENEZER FISK,	} <i>Selectmen."</i>
JAMES HINE,	
DANIEL BOSTWICK,	
SAMUEL BALDWIN,	

ROGER BROWNSON,	} <i>Justices</i>
SAMUEL CANFIELD,	
NATHANIEL BOSTWICK,	

of the Peace.

This act established the school as one of the legal school districts of the town, and hence the school could be kept winter and summer, according to the law, without any further permit from the town.

In the annual town meeting December 9, 1745, they voted to remove the school-house from near Gallows Hill further south, and on the next day the committee to fix the location reported :

"We do affix the place to erect said school-house on the highway upon the top of the first rise of the hill, against Samuel Canfield's house-lot, where we have affixed a stake with stones about it, which is to be enclosed within said house." But this did not settle the matter, and two days later another committee fixed the place "near to Mr. Joseph Ruggles's house, northward of his house, near about the middle of the highway," and this was probably the site of the first school-house at the Iron Works."

The first bridge at that place was ordered to be built at the expense of the town by the following action :

"Aug. 20, 1745. Voted, that there shall be a rate raised to build the bridge at the Iron Works to be paid in money or in labor to the acceptance of the committee that shall be appointed to do the work; also voted, the abovesaid rate shall be one penny half-penny on the pound," and the committee were Ens. John Warner, Mr. Joseph Ruggles, Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, and Lt. James Hine.

In 1748, Abel Barnum had a grist-mill a little way north of the Iron Works, for at that time a highway was laid out to the southeast corner of the mill, and hence, probably, it was then just erected.

In 1742, John Bradshaw had settled on Punkin Hill, or what was afterwards for many years called Bradshaw's Hill, on the east road to Newtown, from New Milford.

Newbury Society.

The enterprise which finally resulted in the organization of the town of Brookfield, began by a petition to the General Assembly :

"To the Honorable General Assembly to be Holden at Hartford May, second Thursday A. D. 1743 :

The memorial of us the subscribers, Inhabitants belonging—some to y^e town of Danbury, viz. : being at the North End of the Township of s^d Danbury, and others living in the township of Newtown att the North part of s^d township and others living att the south part of the township of New Milford, Humbly sheweth the providence of God hath so ordered that your memorilars Habitation being thus att y^e extream parts of Each township your memorilars are put to Great Difficulties for to attend the publick worship In the respective towns to which we belong

the travil being so Long the least of us have about four miles travil and most of us five six seven eight and [word torn out by seal of letter perhaps] miles from the place of publick worship which Renders it [the same rent leaves out a word here] Difficult for us to attend with our famyleys many of us having large famyleys of small Children; and that more Especially in the winter season is our Difficulty Great yet are our situation such that we live tollerable well to be a Comidated by being made a Society—and the land where we live is Good and as we Concluded a Soficiancy that migh be taken of Each town in the whole to make a Larg Society without much prediges to Either town—to which we Do belong whereupon we your Honours memorilers Humbly pray this Honourable assembly to appoint us a wise Juditious Com^{tee} att our Cost and Charge to come and view our Surcomstances and like wise that if after they have viewed our Surcomstances as they shall think proper to Draw the Line in Each town in order for your Honours' approbation and to make Report to your Honours att your session in October next—whether it be convenient for us to be made a Distinct Society for the Carrying on the publick worship among ourselves or—whether at least we mant be admited the benefits of hyring preaching among us for the Extream Season in the year—as your Honours in your Great wisdom shall think fitt and att the same time be freed from paying anything to y^e ministrey where we Respectively Do belong and we your Honours memorilers as in Duty bound shall Ever pray.

Robert Bostwick,	Benjamin Lyon,
Beniamin Stevens, iun'r,	Benjamin Duning,
Richard Waring,	David Duning,
Jeremiah Northrup,	Caleb baldwin, Junr.,
Henry Botsford,	Jerem northrup,
John Nearing,	Daniel Barnum,
John Noble,	Isaac Barnum,
Stephen Stockwell,	Joseph Murry,
John Noble,	Josiah Bollit,
Beniamin Stevens,	Ebenezer bostwick,
Joseph Ruggles,	Abel Barnum,
Joseph Smith,	thomas pickit."
Stephen Hawley,	

¹ Ecclesiastical Book, State Library, vol. X., 21-22.

The committee was granted, and they were instructed by the following act :

" May, 1743. Resolved by this Assembly, that Col. William Preston, Mr. Noah Hinman, and Capt. Thomas Knowles, all of Woodbury, be a committee to repair to the memorialists' abode, at their cost, and after notifying all parties, and having heard their pleas and views, their circumstances in respect to their being a distinct ecclesiastical society, or having liberty to hire preaching in the extreme season in the year, and if said committee think proper, to draw the line in each town for the bounds of said society ; and make report of their opinion and doings thereon to this Assembly in October next."

Before this committee reported, the town of New Milford passed the following: " Sep. 20, 1743. Voted, that the town consent that the inhabitants of the South Farms in New Milford shall be set off for a Religious Society, according as the committee which the General Assembly appointed and hath sent to view the circumstances, according to the lines which said committee hath set."

As indicated, the committee designated the boundaries and reported favorably, but the report was rejected, there being opposition from the town of Newtown.

New Milford seems to have favored the establishment of the society all the way, but the territory furnished the disagreeing elements. In April, 1751, the petition was renewed, urging particularly that they lived remote from any place of worship, and many had large families, and hence there were great difficulties in attending meeting. Upon this Newtown voted to inform the Assembly that they had had no notice of the proceedings, yet a committee was appointed who reported the boundaries for a society in October, and the following December (1751) New Milford " voted that the Inhabitants below Thomas Noble's house, on both sides of Still River, shall be freed from paying to the minister in the town or to Mr. Taylor for the space of three months in case they hire a minister with them, or so much of said three months as they shall have preaching with them." But the petition was opposed by some within the proposed society, and the report rejected ; yet another committee was sent, which reported the lists of persons within the proposed society : New Milford,

£1,420 12; Newtown, £980 9; and Danbury, £746 12; additional £200, making in all £3,347 13. The list of the New Milford society of that year stood £13,102 5s. 1d.

In April, 1752, the committee found the location suitable for a society, but the inhabitants few and divided, thirty-six heads of families and fifty other males above sixteen years of age, and they recommended no society at that time, and the report was continued.

In October, 1752, notwithstanding ten signers in Newtown opposed the petition for winter privileges, they were granted. The lists reported are:

Names of 31 in Danbury had lists £2,385 11; 22 in New Milford, £1,090 12; 20 in Newtown, £1,504 17 9. The agent of the petitioners said it was oppressive to be obliged to pay for building meeting-houses when they needed one of their own. At that time New Milford was making efforts to build one.

After nine years of patient pleading they were allowed to have preaching among themselves at their own expense. How surprising such proceedings seem at the present day.

Winter Privileges. Granted.

"October, 1752. Upon the memorial of Isaac Barnum, Joseph Murry, and others, living in the northeast part of Danbury, the southwest part of New Milford, and the northwest part of Newtown, within the following limits and bounds (viz.): Beginning at a place known by the name of Pond Brook where it enters into the great river, being in Newtown; thence running northwardly on the bank of said river until it comes to the northeast corner of Capt. John Warner's farm lying by said river, being in New Milford, which is a white ash staddle market with stones about it; then running westerly a strait line to the top of the hill called Gallows Hill; thence running a straight line till it intersects New Fairfield east line; thence running southwardly on said line until it comes to the southeast corner of New Fairfield township; thence running a straight line to a certain rock with stones upon it near the lower end of Beaver Brook Mountain, on the west side of the road leading from Danbury to New Milford; thence running easterly to a certain rock with stones upon it, being in the line between Danbury and Newtown, b

on the south end of a swamp known by the name of Bound Swamp; and from thence continuing easterly to the road leading from New Milford to Newtown, including Lieut. Joseph Smith's farm where he now lives, and then running a straight line to the mouth of the Pond Brook where it empties into the great river; praying for liberty to procure and have the preaching of the Gospel among themselves for five months in the year annually, as by their memorial on file: It is thereupon enacted and granted by this Assembly that the memorialists have liberty and power, and the same is hereby granted to the memorialists according to the bounds aforesaid, to procure and have among themselves the preaching of the Gospel five months in the year (viz.): from the first day of November till the last of March annually, from this time, separate from the towns to which they respectively belong as aforesaid; and during the time of such liberty shall be freed from all stated ministerial taxes in the towns and societies to which they respectively belong, as to said five months annually, and have authority to tax themselves, and carry on preaching among themselves according to law, provided they employ some orthodox preacher among them."

In this form the society continued until May, 1754, when they petitioned for an ecclesiastical society, and the matter was laid over until the next September, when they again urged their claims, alleging that it was impracticable for many to attend worship, and that they could more easily support preaching among themselves; that a meeting-house was erected; but that the inhabitants were new settlers, and, on account of the war with France, taxes were burdensome; and since much of the land belonged to non-residents, they desired a land-tax of two pence on the acre for four years on unenclosed lands.

Upon this the society was incorporated by the same boundaries as given in 1752, and a land-tax of one penny on the acre granted.

It was in the next December (1754) that the town of New Milford voted to return the money which had been collected by tax from persons in the Newbury society, for the New Milford Congregational meeting-house, to the Newbury people toward their meeting-house, which they were then building. It was to this church that the First society of the town sent the pulpit from their old meeting-house soon after the above date.

In 1755 an effort was made to raise a fund for the Newbury Society by the donation of undivided lands. Stephen Hawley gave thirty acres, Joseph Murry five, and John Noble two and a half, and in 1771 another effort was made, when Stephen Hawley gave seven acres more.

In 1772, when the people were trying to secure the organization of a town, New Milford voted not to oppose them.

The church was organized in this society, September 28, 1757, and their first minister, Mr. Thomas Brooks, was ordained at the same time.

The society of Newbury was organized into a town in 1788, and named *Brookfield*.

The Assessors' list for that part of Newbury society which was contained within New Milford township in 1787, the last year the assessment was made before the town of Brookfield was organized, contained the following names :

Josiah Burritt,	Benjamin Hawley,
Albert Barlow,	Nehemiah Hawley,
Amarillis Barlow,	Isaac Hawley,
Francis Burritt,	David Jackson,
Mitchel Barlow,	Ralph Keeler,
Thaddeus Baldwin,	Jonathan Keeler,
Edward Beech,	David Keeler,
Tibbals Baldwin,	Isaac Lockwood,
Samuel Baldwin's heirs,	Andrew Lake's heirs,
Jonathan Beecher,	Samuel Merwin, Jr.,
Robert Bostwick,	Samuel Merwin,
Enoch Buckingham,	Nathan Merwin,
Sarah Camp,	Isaac Merwin,
Theophilus Comstock,	Andrew Merwin,
Ephraim Curtiss,	Levi Merwin,
Dea. Abraham Camp,	John Morehouse,
Achilles Comstock,	Isaac Northrop,
Levi Camp,	Elnathan Noble,
Thomas Cushing, Esqr.,	Wait Northrop,
John Dunning,	Joseph Nearing,
Isaac Hawley, Jr.,	Henry Nearing,
Liverius Hawley,	John H. Nearing,
Clement Hubbell,	William Nichols,

Joshua Northrop,
Andrus Northrop,
Jesse Noble,
James Osborn,
Israel Osborn,
Joseph Olmsted,
Richard Olmsted,
Henry Peck, Esqr.,
David Peck,
Amiel Peck,
Ammi Palmer,
Joseph Ruggles, Jr.,
Comfort Ruggles,
Artemus Ruggles,
Benjamin Ruggles,
Timothy Ruggles, Esqr.,
Ashbel Ruggles,
Samuel Ruggles,

Hezekiah Stevens, Jr.,
John Starr,
David Smith,
Joseph Smith,
James Starr,
Rufus Sherman,
Samuel Sherman,
Thomas Smith,
Elijah Starr,
Jehiel Smith,
Joseph Tomlinson,
John Veal,
David Wakelee,
Samuel Wakelee,
Amos Wakelee,
Martin Warner,
Solomon Warner,
Daniel Wheeler.

CHAPTER XVI.

MR. GRISWOLD'S ADMINISTRATION.

1790—1802.



NE minister above all others, in New Milford, has received almost unlimited censure, as to doctrine and church polity ; and a consideration of this man's work is here given a brief space by way of a history of the church and society. The censure which he received at the time, was almost, if not wholly, from persons outside of the township of New Milford, and especially from ministers. New Milford people never had much to say against the Rev. Stanley Griswold.

"Nov. 22, 1787. Voted, that the society's committee be desired and directed to make enquiry after, and hire a candidate to preach for such term of time as the society shall hereafter agree for, at the cost of said society, having first had the Rev. Mr. Taylor's consent and advice in the affair ; and the Rev. Mr. Taylor being then requested, came into the meeting and there gave his consent to call in a candidate to preach, if the society thought best, provided he was not thereby kept out of his just dues from the society, which matter was agreed to be left to Mr. Taylor and the committee to adjust on just and equitable principles."

This matter passed without further records until in July, 1789, when a committee was appointed to consult with Mr. Taylor as to his salary and relations to the church ; and the committee reported that Mr. Taylor would make no difficulty, but that if he was continued in his pastoral relations, he thought he should receive an annual allowance, but should not demand it.

At the next meeting, which was about a month later (Aug. 31, 1789), "after a free conversation on the subject of settling a gospel minister, it was moved, to try the minds of the members of the meeting, on the question of giving Mr. Stanley Griswold

a call to settle in said society, upon which question there appeared sixty-six in the affirmative, and four in the negative."

"Voted, that this society will give Mr. Stanley Griswold, as his salary, the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money annually, during the time he shall continue to be our minister."

At the same time, they voted to give him two hundred pounds lawful money as a settlement; and that Mr. Griswold should continue to preach for them until his decision in the matter should be reached.

In the next October, Mr. Taylor left the matter of an allowance to him in case another minister should be settled with the society, upon which the society voted to give him eighty pounds a year in money or certificates, with interest or lands (for which variety in form of payment he must have been very thankful, since it is not so much of a difficult task to buy land when one has the money in hand).

In November, 1788, a vote was passed by the society to take out the slips in the meeting-house, and make new pews for a part or the whole of the house; but in the following December, they voted to postpone the matter, perhaps, although it is not certain, in view of the idea of first securing an assistant in the pastoral office; for in the next July they proceeded in this matter as above to secure such assistance.

On the 21st of December, 1789, Messrs. Reuben Booth, Benjamin Buckingham, and Noble Hine were chosen society's committee, to whom were added "Dea. Sherman Boardman, Abel Hine, Abel Hine, Esqr., and Col. Josiah Starr," who completed the agreement with Mr. Griswold and reported to the society; and the whole matter was settled by the votes of the society on the 25th (Christmas) day of December, 1789, his salary to commence on the day of installation, "to be paid in gold or silver, or such produce as he shall accept."

Of Mr. Griswold's ordination, Rev. Mr. Taylor wrote in the church book: "January 20, 1790, Mr. Stanly Griswold was ordained by the Consociation of Litchfield county, colleague pastor with myself, of the First Church and congregation in New Milford; by appointment I gave the charge, and the Rev. Mr. Merwin of Washington the right hand of fellowship.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR."

By a record in the society's book we learn who preached the sermon: "Apr. 12, 1790. Voted, that the thanks of this society be given to the Rev. Mr. Daniel McClure, for his sermon delivered at the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Stanley Griswold, and that said society request a copy thereof that it may be printed."

Dissenting Persons.

About two years before Mr. Griswold was settled in New Milford, Baptist meetings were established in what is now Bridgewater, and quite a number of persons withdrew from the First Society and united with that meeting, and soon after (in 1789), the meeting-house was erected for that people, and for some years there was a continual agitation under the system of taxation for the support of the gospel in the First Society. A number of certificates are recorded of persons who united with the Episcopal Church, and the Separate Congregational Church, dated between 1790 and 1800. None are reported as having joined the Jemimaïtes, unless it was one under the name of "Sandimans," as follows: "Feb. 27, 1794. This may certify that I the subscriber, Henry Wood, profess the doctrines, tenets, and mode of worship of that society of religious denominations known by the name of Sandimans or Glassites, and that I lawfully and voluntarily attend their public worship and contribute a proportional part for the support of said religion as far as the laws and rules of that society extend, as witness my hand.

HENRY WOOD."

It is refreshing to meet once in many years, a thoroughly independent and broad-minded man, and as the following certificate was intended probably to be of that species, it is given here as a sample, hoping that people generally can comprehend the whole scope of the production:

"To all whom it may concern, that our friend Enos Camp, having examined him of his belief of our Order, and attending Congregation part of the Church of Christ at Warren, under the pastoral care of Elder Roots, the annexed minister of the said Congregation and Ministerial Member of the ancient association of Baptists of Philadelphia, By the authority reposed in me, by that select body agreeable to the Constitution of this Republic reposed in Congress, we do hereby acquaint all our

Christian Brethren of all sects that as he is not bound under any obligation of payment this year by bond or promise to any sect whilst he conducts as a faithful patriot and faithful citizen, he is, agreeable to the Federal Constitution, clear from all incumbrances of notes or demands of ecclesiastical payments or anything that may have any attendency thereunto.

New Milford, 1st Jan. 1792, as witness my hand,

THOS. JONES, Ministerial Elder.

EDMOND CLARK, Deacon."

To which the Society's Clerk of New Milford added :

"By me Nicho. S. Masters, Society's Clerk.

Vive le Republique."

Sure as the life of Josephus the Historian, Nicho. S. Masters, the lawyer, should have been prosecuted for adding those three French words!

Donation Lands.

A few months after Mr. Griswold's ordination, a movement was started that resulted in securing material aid to all the ecclesiastical societies of the town, but especially to the First Society. After considerable consultation a committee was appointed by the Proprietors of undivided lands in the town, to propose "a plan for disposing of unnecessary highways," which reported on Nov. 1, 1790, and the plan was adopted, and the work at once commenced. The proposition was to sell all such lands and put the money at interest, and use the interest only for the support of the Gospel in the town forever. The money, as a fund, was to be proportioned, "to each of the societies of the Presbyterian Congregational order, and to the professors of the Church of England in said township, according to their List of Ratable Estate in said New Milford, in the year A. D. 1789, and the Quakers and every other sectary or religious denomination of people in said old township." The committee who reported the plan consisted of Sherman Boardman, Benjamin Buckingham, Eleazer Warner, Reuben Booth, and Elisha Bostwick, and they were continued the committee to carry out the plan, give the deeds for the land and divide the money, Elisha Bostwick being the treasurer in the matter.

In June, 1793, they made a division of £172 4s. 7d. lawful

money, and in October, 1802, they made a division of £122, 12s. 9d. Of all this, the amount proportioned to each society was:

To the First Congregational society,	£209 18 9
To the Episcopal Church,	46 7 5
To the Separate Society,	26 6 10
To the Quakers,	5 7 6
To New Preston Society,	6 17 0
	<hr/> £295 7 6

"Seating the Presbyterian Meeting-house."

It is to be regretted that no complete account of the seating of the meeting-house is on record until in 1797, when Elijah Boardman was one of the committee for this work. He then made a drawing or plan of the inside of the house, and recorded a list of the persons as seated, and the amount of the tax-list of each. For more than fifty years this subject was an absorbing theme to the entire town, which fact can be but a matter of wonder at the present day, but is on about the same scale of self-aggrandizement as the present custom of putting on the most costly clothing in which to appear in church.

Soon after Mr. Griswold was settled here the meeting-house was re-arranged inside; the old seats were taken out and new pews put in, and the seating continued for more than thirty years later, after the manner here represented,

"Names of persons seated in the Presbyterian meeting-house by the committee for that purpose, April, 1802, with their tax-list:

<i>First Rank.</i>			
Sherman Boardman,	\$3,515	Gideon Treat,	\$2,024
Abel Hine,	2,658	Aaron Gaylord,	2,013
John Treat,	2,604	Patience Hine,	2,011
David Northrop,	2,545	Stephen Merwin,	1,927
Benj. Buckingham,	2,491	Abel Merwin,	1,907
Josiah Starr,	2,415	Nathan Gaylord,	1,912
Enos Camp,	2,254	Israel Camp,	1,941
Benj. Bostwick,	2,281	Asa Warner,	1,871
Oliver Warner,	2,187	Daniel Clark,	1,869
Lemuel Warner,	2,178	Samuel Sanford,	1,842
John Merwin,	2,146	Abel Gunn,	1,834
Epinetus Platt,	2,117	Epinetus Gunn,	1,808
David Merwin,	2,056	Lemuel Canfield,	1,801
		Eli Smith,	1,720
		Stephen Hine,	1,713

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Abner Gunn,	\$1,702	Andrew Minor,	\$1,161
David Beach,	1,667	Abraham Fairchild,	1,140
Samuel Dunning,	1,633	Ithamer Canfield,	1,133
Thomas Wells,	1,619	Daniel Everitt,	1,111
Elizur Warner,	1,618	Abijah Bennitt,	1,106
Giles Chittenden,	1,629	Jonathan Mygatt,	1,069
Ebenezer Gaylord,	1,610	Thomas Brownson,	1,071
John Hull,	1,609	Jonathan Downs,	1,075
Ezra Noble,	1,578	Isaac Nichols,	1,065
Elisha Bostwick,	1,566	David Merwin, Jr.,	1,051
Elijah Boardman,	1,505	Wd. Martha Jackson,	1,051
Edward Bennitt,	1,493	Nathaniel Smith,	1,050
Ephraim Buck,	1,477	Orange Warner,	1,050
Nathaniel Taylor,	1,468	William Taylor,	1,047
Riverius Camp,	1,455	Solomon Northrop,	1,033
Rev. Stanley Griswold, ¹		Wd. Sarah Downs,	1,020
Nehemiah Strong,		Truman Minor,	1,017
Joseph Merwin,		David Beard,	1,010
✓ Mrs. Sarah Booth, (wine)		Philo Canfield,	1,008
Mrs. Hannah Ruggles,		Liffie Sanford,	1,008
Mrs. Jane Todd,		Thos. Clark, Fort Hill,	991
Mrs. Rachel Welch,		Josiah Lockwood,	984
Mrs. Freeloze Terrill,		Joseph Ruggles,	983
Jeremiah Platt,		John Stilson,	976
Joseph Ferriss,		Mary, and H. Brownson,	1,012
Zachariah Ferriss,		Jared Lane, say Co,	974
John McEwen,		Levi Chatfield,	967
Elizur Fairchild,		David Noble,	966
Stephen Miles,		John Canfield,	959
Stephen Chittenden,	1,301	Abijah Treat,	958
Jonathan Bostwick,	1,223	Benj. Mead,	957
Nehemiah Sanford,	1,259	Abel Canfield,	954
Anna Platt, widow,	847	Philo Ruggles,	953
		Timothy Beardsley,	952
		Chauncey Lowrey,	951
		Amos Bostwick,	950 ✓
		Aaron Hitchcock,	938
		David Gorham,	935
		Noahdiah Mygatt,	924
		Elnathan Peet,	922
		Elizur Bostwick,	917
		Epinetus Platt, Jr.,	911
		Joshua Knapp,	909
		James Phippeney,	846
		Edward H. Prince,	906
		James White,	898
		Asa Prime,	898
		Jeremiah Rundle,	896
		Tamar Masters,	891
		William Nichols,	906
<i>Second Rank.</i>			
Reuben Warner, Jr.,	1,459		
Benj. Brownson,	1,390		
Doct. Reuben Warner,	1,367		
✓ Beebe Hine,	1,363		
Matthew Brownson,	1,343		
Richard Clark,	1,315		
Thomas Downs,	1,284		
Wm. Bradshaw,	1,273		
Eli Todd,	1,258		
Homer Boardman,	1,253		
Eber Bishop,	1,248		
Samuel B. Buck,	1,228		
Daniel Camp,	1,226		
Noah Brownson,	1,194		
Ezra Rotsford,	1,164		

¹ Fourteen were seated not by list but by age, or station in life.

Benjamin Banks,	\$892	Eli Starr,	\$728
Hopestill Platt,	741	Benjamin Platt,	724
Simeon Baldwin,		Asher Canfield,	724
Mrs. Bostwick,		Joseph Peck,	723
Mrs. Mygatt,		William R. Phelps,	719
Wd. Anna Gregory,		Wd. Sarah Knapp,	716
Ephraim Sterling,		Solomon Fenton,	
Solomon Hill,		Lucy Garlick,	
Thaddeus Gilbert,		Ebenezer Trowbridge,	
Reuben Edwards,		James Jessup,	
Benoni S. Sanford,		Abijah Seelye,	
William Phelps.		Paul Welch, Jr.,	

Third Rank.

Samuel Lockwood,	889	Elijah Canfield,	711
Daniel A. Pickett,	889	Stephen Chittenden, Jr.,	703
N. B. Buckingham,	882	Gershom Bennitt,	702
Joel Canfield,	863	David S. Boardman,	699
Elijah Downs,	860	Amos Morriss,	699
John Warner,	856	Samuel A. Botsford,	693
Gideon Platt,	852	Jesse Cole,	691
Isaac Terrill,	846	Asa Brownson,	694
✓ Annis Clark, (Bostwick)	843	Salmon Buck,	687
Jobe Fenn,	842	David Fairchild,	682
George Willson,	840		
Samuel Comstock,	834	<i>Fourth Rank.</i>	
Ebenezer Thomas,	824	Edmund Garlick,	682
John Roburds,	818	Noah Titus,	677
John Terrill,	806	David Lockwood,	676
John Camp,	804	Reuben Brownson,	679
Oliver Terrill,	798	Daniel Nichols,	678
Ralph Smith,	790	Gideon Gunn,	675
Daniel H. Ferriss,	789	Stephen Crane,	661
Nehemiah Sanford, Jr.,	783	Abijah Beach,	655
Samuel Garlick,	776	Matthew Mallet,	653
Abraham Roburds,	771	Timothy Cole,	648
Asaph Buck,	764	David Gaylord,	648
Elisha Downs,	763	Jonathan Bostwick,	680
David Cable,	761	Friend G. Northrop,	641
Josiah Smith,	767	Reuben M. Booth,	640
Joseph Merwin, Jr.,	757	David Baldwin,	642
Isaac Downs,	739	Gerardus Booth,	640
Jobe Terrill,	734	John Baldwin, Jr.,	638
John Smith,	733	John Burr,	636
Caleb Beach,	733	Daniel Lines,	635
Josiah Buck,	733	Daniel Gaylord,	627
Wakefield Noble,	732	Truman Gaylord,	627
Ralph Keeler,	731	Briggs Ingersoll,	627
William Doan,	729	John Oviatt,	624
Samuel Stevens,	728	James Green,	624
		Abel Beers,	620
		Herman Canfield,	616

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William Gillett,	\$610	Elizur Bostwick, Jr.,	\$488
Daniel Garlick,	610	Daniel Canfield,	483
Major Terrill,	601	John W. Northrop,	487
John H. Treat,	598	William Nickerson,	483
Clark Blackney,	596	Samuel Summers,	473
Ichabod Noble,	595	Richard Rundle,	477
Orange Merwin,	595	James McMahon,	485
Elizur Warner, Jr.,	589	Isaac Beard,	467
Asa Baldwin,	586	William Thayer,	464
Joel Northrop,	588	Amos Northrop,	457
Lemuel Morehouse,	582	Stephen Ferriss,	454
David Bostwick, Jr.,	582	David Beard,	453
Nathan Hoyt,	574	Isaac Stone,	452
Uriah Sanford,	574	Aaron Hitchcock, Jr.,	448
Joel Northrop,	571	Elisha Beardsley,	444
Samuel Oviatt,	570	Everitt Shelton,	439
Jeremiah Canfield,	565	Morehouse Squire,	433
Gideon Baldwin,	561	Simon Garlick,	437
Jeremiah Platt, Jr.,	559	Edward A. Northrop,	426
Abel Hine, 2d,	557	Jacob B. Platt,	424
Thomas F. Welch,	553	Daniel Bradshaw,	421
Artemas Ruggles,	552	David Merwin, 3d,	420
William Watson,	552	Isaac Briggs,	420
James Riggs,	552	William Conn,	417
John W. Merwin,	552	Samuel Bennitt,	415
John Stilson, Jr.,	550	Asher Beardsley,	428
Benjamin Hamlin,	550	Jonathan Stevens,	422
Isaac Hartwell,	550	Eli Knapp,	407
Thomas Sanford,	546	Cyrenus Ruggles,	414
William Camp,	543	Joseph Bennitt,	407
Orange Kenney,	541	Nathan Hitchcock,	404
Solomon Bostwick,	541	John C. Edwards,	401
Nathan Betts,	538	Nathaniel Brownson,	411
David Hull,	536	Joseph Bradshaw,	395
William Gaylord,	535	Stephen Merwin, Jr.,	394
Aaron Ketcham,	533	John Taylor,	395
Solomon Cole,	532	Stephen Lockwood,	391
Charles Rundle,	527	Cyrus Warner,	383
Elihu Marsh, 2d,	516	Philo Noble,	380
▲ Walker Clark,	516	Herman Merwin,	423
Simeon Dutcher,	504	Lyman Keeler,	374
Elijah Brownell,	501	Thomas Bradshaw,	372
Joseph Ferriss, Jr.,	500	Ezra Noble, Jr.,	367
Herman Curtiss,	498	William Prime,	367
John Woodruff,	495	Rufus Ferriss,	370
Benjamin Ruggles,	495	Abijah Terrill,	354
Augustine Mygatt,	491	Solomon Northrop, Jr.,	350
D. Munson Fairchild,	434	Samuel D. Allen,	390
Daniel H. Gaylord,	473	Samuel Clark,	463

Fifth Rank.

Duncan McLean,
Daniel Leach,
Joel Sanford,
Edward Edwards,
Seelye Richmond,
Cyrus Northrop,
Sibyl and Lois Oviatt.

Sixth Rank.

Rowland Norton,
Benedict Davis,
Elisha Murray, Jr.,
Ezra Drake,
Truman Lake,
David Stone,
Wells Stone,
Wheeler Summers. —

The accompanying plan shows where the members of the First Society were seated in the meeting-house, and their rank in the society. Elijah Boardman drew the first plan on a leaf of the society's book, in 1797, and several were drawn thereafter,—the last in 1822. The system was continued after that, but we find no plan drawn or placed upon record. In the list for 1821 the position of names had changed very much from 1802. Thomas Wells stands first, and Elijah Boardman second, for, although he attended the Episcopal Church some of the time, he never withdrew from this society. The first thirty names, having the highest lists, in 1821, stood thus :

Thomas Wells,	\$4,375	William Taylor,	\$2,033
Elijah Boardman,	3,909	Eli Starr,	2,023
Ithamar Canfield,	3,607	Richard Clark,	1,931
David Merwin,	3,124	Noadiah Mygatt,	1,913
Wid. Sarah Gunn,	3,060	Solomon Bostwick,	1,867
Beebe Hine,	2,881	Daniel A. Pickett,	1,840
Wd. Susan Taylor,	2,779	Philo Canfield,	1,741
Abel Merwin,	2,650	Josiah Lockwood,	1,702
Eli Todd,	2,643	Orange Merwin,	1,676
Stephen Hine,	2,519	David S. Boardman,	1,638
Riverius Camp,	2,448	Martha Jackson,	1,519
Elisha Bostwick,	2,328	Cyrus Northrop,	1,584
Homer Boardman,	2,224	Joseph Merwin,	1,576
Samuel Comstock,	2,180	Truman Gaylord,	1,551
David Beard,	2,043	John Taylor,	1,543

At this time the lowest sum set to any name was \$306, and the list contained 181 names instead of 335 in 1802. In 1802 Mr. Griswold was here, and had been eleven years. The meeting-house was crowded to overflowing. A larger and more intelligent audience was not to be found, probably, in Litchfield county, the only rival being that at Litchfield, which had not then attained its full glory or celebrity. From Mr. Griswold's time to 1820, the society in its membership melted away like snow

before the rain, until it possessed but little more than one-half its old number ; yet this was the time which has been spoken of for many years as the greatest period of success to the church. As the Congregational attendance on public worship grew less and its support less, the Episcopal Church gained. The material support of the First Society did not so much diminish, for the wealthier members, many of them, remained—they being older members ; but the depletion of numbers went on so that after nineteen years, 154 families were lost to the society. When the Rev. Benjamin Benham was settled rector of St. John's Church here in 1807, his engagement was for one-third of the time ; but before he left, in 1827, this church was able to pay for his services all the time,—that is, their strength was much increased. The author of this book has no objection to the increase of the Episcopal Church ; the question is as to the claim of prosperity in the Congregational Church while for twenty years the congregation was growing smaller. But it is claimed that the church membership was increased during this time. How was it ? In 1810, when the church record was revised, they threw overboard something like 200 names of persons who stood in the Halfway Covenant relation, which left very few communicants in the church ; then they went to work to bring these persons back into the church upon profession of experience, and as they succeeded, many of them having been the best people of the community for from twenty to forty years, it was supposed that great gain was attained.

But it has been charged that Mr. Griswold introduced the Halfway Covenant, and "threw open the sacraments to all." He did nothing of the kind. Mr. Boardman and Mr. Taylor practiced under the Halfway Covenant about sixty years before Mr. Griswold came into the parish, and Mr. Taylor and his church urged those persons in Halfway Covenant relations to come to the communion, during twenty years before Mr. Griswold came here. The resolutions, or acts of the church to this effect, may be seen in the eleventh chapter in this book. Mr. Griswold pursued the same course in regard to church ordinances that Mr. Taylor had followed for forty years before him, and no other ; and, so far as the records show, and public report in New Milford goes, Mr. Griswold's success as a true minister of the Gospel

PULPIT.	I. Warner, A. Gaylord, K. Camp, J. Hull, S. Dunning, N. Sanford, J. Ferriss, E. Fairchild, Jo. Merwin, S. Chittenden, Jonath. Bostwick.	G. Chittenden, E. Buck, D. Beach, Wid. Welch, Wid. Platt, Wid. Todd, Wid. Terrill, Wid. Stone, Wid. Collins, Wid. J. Canfield.	B. Bostwick, Jno. Merwin, Ept. Platt, L. Canfield, G. Treat, S. Merwin, Abel Gunn, E. Smith, E. Bennett, J. Platt, Z. Ferriss.	D. Cable, S. Garlick, N. Sanford Jr., A. Buck, A. Brownson, Jno. Terrill, Jesse Cole, J. Ruck, Paul Welch Jr., A. Roburds.	Samuel Summers, Benjamin Hamlin, Benjamin Ruggles, Solomon Cole, Orange Kinney, Charles Rundle, Morehouse Squire, Wheeler Summers.
	No. 1.	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 5.	
Deacons' Seat.					
1802. See page 264.					Stephen Crane, David Baldwin, Jno. Baldwin, Jr., Daniel Lines, Briggs Ingersol, Isaac Hartwell, Asa Baldwin, James Green, Seelye Richmond.
CENTER AISLE.	No. 1. Asa Warner, Sam'l Sanford, Nathan Gaylord, Stephen Hine, Ebenzer Gaylord, Abel Merwin, Stephen Miles, Ezra Noble, Mrs. Hine, John McEuen.	No. 2. Benj. Brownson, Richard Clark, Aaron Hitchcock, Wm. Bradshaw, Noah Brownson, Ezra Botsford, Thos. Clark, Ft. hill, Thos. Brownson, Eph'm Sterling, Abel Canfield, Mrs. Hoxestill Platt, William Nichols.	No. 2. Orange Warner, Eber Bishop, Doct. Reuben Warner, Doct. Jonth. Downs, Sarah Downs, Simeon Baldwin, Daniel Clark, David Gorham, Anne Gregory, Reuben Edwards.	No. 4. John C. Edwards, Lyman Keeler, David Beard, Jr., Thomas Bradshaw, Joseph Bradshaw, Daniel Bradshaw, Stephen Lockwood, Everitt Shelton, Edward N. Northrop, William Conn, Cyrenus Ruggles, Nathan'l Brownson, Samuel Allen.	
	Renben Warner, Jr., Eli Todd, Daniel Camp, Mrs. Mygatt, Mrs. Clark, Jared Lane, Mrs. Jackson, Jonath. Mygatt, Josiah Lockwood, Noadiah Mygatt.	John H. Treat, Jerh. Platt, Jr., Jno. W. Merwin, Thos. F. Welch, Elihu Marsh, Wm. Thayer, Daniel Canfield, Joel Sanford.	Nathan Hoyt, Timothy Cole, Cibel & Lois Oviatt, Samuel Oviatt, Gideon Baldwin, Noah Titus, John Burr, Samuel Morehouse, Edward Edwards, Samuel Clark, Duncum McLane.	No. 6.	
	No. 2.	No. 4.	No. 4.		
	Epinetus Platt, Jr., William Doan, Eli Starr, N. B. Buckingham, Wid. Sally Knapp, Wakefield Noble, John Roburds, Joel Canfield.	John Stilson, Jr., Daniel H. Gaylord, Joseph Ferriss, Jr., Thos. Sanford, Ichabod Noble, Herman Merwin, Cyrus Northrop, Daniel Gaylord, David Gaylord.	Eli Knapp, Abijah Terrill, Isaac Briggs, Cyrus Warner, Isaac Beard, Nathan Hitchcock.	No. 6.	
	No. 3.	No. 5.	No. 6.		
	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 5.		
Matthew Brownson, Thomas Downs, Joseph Ruggles, Joshua Knapp, John Canfield, Solomon Northrop, Elizur Bostwick, Thackless Gilbert, Asa Prime.	George Welton, Caleb Beach, Ralph Keeler, Elidia Downs, Isaac Downs, John Warner, Sam'l A. Botsford, Salmon Buck, Eben. Trowbridge, Amos Ferriss, D. Fairchild, Eb. Thomas, James Jessup, Jonath. Bostwick.	Aaron Ketchum, Nathan Betts, Richard Rundle, Nathan Clark, Nathaniel Ford, Benedict Davis.			Stairway.
South Door.					

was simply marvelous. The Rev. Truman Marsh preached here in the Episcopal Church nine years while Mr. Griswold was here, and his wife, returning fifty years after she left, told one of the first-class citizens of this place, who is still living, that she (Mrs. Marsh) had never seen "anything like the harmony, union, and good feeling, between all churches and among all the people," as that which prevailed in New Milford while she and her husband resided here, that is from 1790 to 1799. Such are some of the facts given in the records concerning this matter, and further items may be seen in the biographical sketch of Mr. Griswold.

What the considerations were which led Mr. Griswold to seek a removal from the church and society cannot now be ascertained, for, to all appearances, from all records, there was great unanimity in desiring him to remain, and that there was no want of encouragement by way of success is very apparent. The only intimation as to the reason of his going that has been seen or heard of, is the action of the church after he had gone in withdrawing from the Litchfield South Consociation. It has always been maintained that this act was in consequence of the treatment Mr. Griswold received from that body, that action being regarded as an improper interference with the rights of the church.

When Mr. Griswold proposed to leave, the society came together, June 7, 1802, and voted to relinquish any claim it might have upon the £200 settlement which was conferred upon him when he was ordained, as the minister of the parish during his natural life or ability to preach among them.

The next August the following was passed, which appears to have been the last action the society took concerning him :—

"The Rev. Stanley Griswold being absent, and it being uncertain how long that absence will continue: Voted, that the society's committee be and they are hereby directed to supply the pulpit until the first day of November next, unless Mr. Griswold should return and supply it himself before that time, and that they be directed to employ the Rev. Nehemiah Strong for that purpose if he will agree to serve the society until that time."

One other resolution of the society passed December 20, 1802, seems proper to be recorded here :—

"The Rev. Stanley Griswold having left the society, the business of supplying the pulpit came under consideration, when it was voted, that the society's committee be directed to supply the pulpit from time to time in such manner as they shall judge most expedient, and that they employ a candidate, which in their opinion will agree with the minds of the society."

Immediately following this vote, in the same meeting came the consideration from the people of the Neck to build a meeting-house under the hope of obtaining preaching, in proportion to the society tax they should pay.¹

It is very instructive as well as entertaining to study the changes which occurred in the tax-lists, from time to time, as some men grew richer, some poorer, while some passed away and their wealth was scattered. Sherman Boardman stood at the head of the list, at least twelve years. In 1797, the first ten on the list were:—

Samuel Canfield (2d),	£1,037	Zachariah Sanford,	714
Reuben Booth,	979	Benjamin Buckingham,	693
Sherman Boardman,	957	Jonathan Downs,	685
John Treat,	740	Oliver Warner,	656
Abel Hine,	736	David Northrop,	645

Then follows the list of 1802, as given in full heretofore. In 1809, the next list recorded after 1802, the first ten stood:—

Sherman Board,	\$3,866	David Merwin,	2,358
Abel Hine,	2,943	Lemuel Warner,	2,305
Josiah Starr,	2,764	Epenetus Gunn,	2,271
Benjamin Buckingham,	2,548	Epenetus Platt,	2,243
Benjamin Bostwick,	2,492	Stephen Merwin,	2,218

In 1815, four years later, the change was very marked with several. Sherman Boardman's name is at the head, but he had died a few months before. Elijah Boardman had risen from the fifteenth to the third place; Thomas Wells from the seventeenth to the fourth place. The first ten stood thus:—

Sherman Boardman,	\$4,212	David Merwin,	2,789
Abel Hine,	3,199	Benjamin Bostwick,	2,729
Elijah Boardman,	3,001	Benjamin Buckingham,	2,548
Thomas Wells,	2,913	Abel Merwin,	2,513
Epenetus Gunn,	2,827	Stephen Merwin,	2,489

The next name is Nathaniel Taylor (2d) 2,438. Such are the changes constantly transpiring. The old saying, spoken so often

¹ See Chapter on Bridgewater.

by the older people is so true : " The places which know us now will soon know us no more forever."

Some brief account of prominent men, about 1800, is important, as showing the state of social life, and of business enterprises, and political sentiments.

The Rev. Stanley Griswold was settled as pastor of the First Church January 20, 1790. He was a native of Torrington, in the town of Torrington, Ct., was twenty-seven years of age, and had been married a few months. His father was a wealthy farmer of Torrington; and the house that Stanley was born in is still (1882) standing, and in a good state of preservation.

Mr. Stanley Griswold preached in New Milford eleven years and a few months, with increasing interest and general acceptability to the people of the church, society and community, as is evident by the list of persons seated in the meeting-house in 1802, which was larger by many "heads in the list" than it had ever been before or has ever been since; and the standing of New Milford, socially, politically, intellectually, and in wealth, was high, compared with any other, and all towns in the state. The census of 1800 gives the number of inhabitants in the town as 3,198, of whom Mr. Griswold's parish must have included 2,000 at least, for he then preached regularly at Bridgewater; but soon after he left New Milford, Bridgewater succeeded in becoming a separate society.

Mr. Griswold purchased in February, 1790, a house and lot now the residence of Mr. David E. Soule, the house recently torn down being the one then standing on it. This was the residence of Mr. Griswold while in the place. In 1802 he quietly resigned his position as pastor and removed, receiving the most cordial demonstrations of the confidence and good-will of the entire community.

It seems proper to insert here the closing part of Mr. Griswold's Centennial Sermon, which has not been elsewhere introduced, and which was delivered a little over one year before he closed his labors in the parish:—

"Two or three general remarks and a simple practical reflection shall close. Whoever looks back with an attentive eye upon the century that is now past, will see much to interest him, and somewhat to deplore. It has been a period of great changes, of

some folly, and we may hope of considerable wisdom. As it respects this town, this state and New England generally, we may say, the first part of the century was distinguished for simplicity of manners and unaffected piety; the middle part for religious distraction;—the latter end for political confusion, with some improvement in civil government.


“The people who first settled in this town and generally through the states at that time, were a plain, hardy, stout, sober, friendly people. They labored hard; their fare was coarse. Tea and other luxuries were then unknown in these parts. They were kind, hospitable, and exceedingly helpful to each other. Their piety, though fervent, was unmingled with that wild frenzy and spirit of enthusiasm which sprung up about the middle of the century. Preaching at that time was not boisterous, nor was it filled with metaphysical jargon. It was plain, sincere, and adapted to morality.

“Thus it remained till toward the middle of the century. Then these settlements were called to bid adieu to their former peace and quietness, simplicity and pure religion. New light and fire were introduced. Great commotions took place—many became wild. Divisions and fierce disputations ensued. Enthusiasm and metaphysics were the order of the day. The country was ranged on two general sides,—the friends of the old steady order of things, who by their enemies were denominated Arminians, were on the one side, and those called New Lights on the other.

“Happily, these things are now in a measure done away, and the former bitterness forgotten, though many of their effects are yet visible,—particularly in the variety of sects and religious systems which remain among us.

“Toward the latter end of the century, on the subsiding of religious commotions, political contentions came on. But as these will all be written in the civil histories of the times, I shall not enlarge upon them in this place.

“Such is a brief sketch of the Eighteenth Century now closed, particularly as it respects this town and its inhabitants. Whether it went out leaving the country and the world better or worse than it found them is not for us to say. This we can say, and can say it most assuredly, that not one of us who hail the introduction of this nineteenth century will live to see it closed. We



have now seen all the centuries we shall ever see and heard all the century sermons we shall hear. Few, very few will live to see the present century half completed. When it shall expire, and the next open on our world, we all shall be gathered to the great congregation of the dead, to sleep with our fathers;—and those who are now unborn, will be here in our places. Here did I say? This building and these seats will then be out of being, and probably most of our present dwellings will then be gone, or known only by their ruins. New men, new things, and other affairs will be displayed here, and through our country, and through the world.

“Let us, then, live as though having no continuing city here—as pilgrims and strangers on the earth—looking forward and hastening to that better country—that city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

To the above we must add another extract in regard to statistics given by Mr. Griswold in the same sermon, especially, as his account of diseases refers to the fever-and-ague, which prevailed here very severely from 1796 to 1800, and which he calls, “Remitting, billious fevers.” There are a number of other facts which prove this to have been fever-and-ague.

“In 1756, a census was taken of the inhabitants of the state, and this town was found to contain 1,137 people. In 1774 another census was taken, and the number in this town found to be 2,776. Another census was taken in 1782, and also another in 1790, but I have not been able, in the short time I have had, to find the number in either of these belonging to this town. The last census was taken in the year just ended, and I understand the population of this town is found to be 3,198. This last is exclusive of those parts of the former town which were set off to Brookfield and Washington, which were included in the two first mentioned. If we should now recover those parts, the whole number would probably not fall much short of 4,000.

“Above this it is supposed that, within fifty years past, there have people enough emigrated from this town into other towns and states to amount, with their posterity, to more than the number of people at present in the town.

“Further, the whole number of persons who died in this town since its settlement is supposed to be nearly two-thirds as many

as those now alive in it, that is, about 2,000 persons. I have not been able to find any accurate record of deaths from the beginning of the settlement. I shall only mention the records which I have kept myself since my residence here, which I have reason to believe are accurate. They embrace the whole town, exclusive of New Preston :—

"In the year 1790 there died 16.	(No special disease prevailing).
In the year 1791 there died 14.	(No special disease prevailing).
In the year 1792 there died 23.	(Scarlet fever began).
In the year 1793 there died 41.	(Do., raged severely).
In the year 1794 there died 45.	(Do., more severely, and other fevers).
In the year 1795 there died 28.	(Some local fevers).
In the year 1796 there died 36.	(Remitting bilious fevers began).
In the year 1797 there died 33.	(Do., continued).
In the year 1798 there died 50.	(Do., raged more severely).
In the year 1799 there died 28.	(Do., continued, but abated).
In the year 1800 there died 32.	(Do., continued, but abated more).

Total, 346 for 11 years. Average per year, thirty-one and a little over.

"As I have also recorded the ages of the deceased, it appears that one-fourth part of those who die in this town are under six years of age, and one-half under thirty-five. One out of six of those born here lives to seventy years—one out of twelve lives to eighty—one out of forty lives to ninety—and one out of one thousand lives to one hundred." (See Biog. of Mr. Griswold.)

Col. Samuel Canfield's name stands at the head of the tax-list of the town in 1797. He was the son of Samuel Canfield, Esq., who was the first Canfield in New Milford, and one of the Judges of the General Court. Col. Samuel was born in 1726, and died in 1799, aged seventy-three. His father died in 1754, aged only fifty-two years, and his mother died only ten years later. He was married in 1755, and became the father of the man whose name is the most familiar of all the older men who are still remembered, not excepting that of Col. Elisha Bostwick ;—his name was Ithamar Canfield. Col. Samuel, although wealthy, was a very busy, stirring man. He bought and sold many acres of land in New Milford—many farms—and was engaged with Reuben Booth in the purchase of a large tract of land at Fort Edward, N. Y. For about ten years, from 1765, when he was young, he with Bushnell Bostwick were the representatives much of the time from this town.

Reuben Booth was a prominent man in the town many years, and in 1797 he stood second on the tax-list, according to the seating in the Congregational meeting-house. His early life was peculiar. He was born in Trumbull, and baptized there June 22, 1739. His mother died soon after, and he was, apparently, placed in care of another family than his father's. After two years his father married again, and, in 1743, removed from Trumbull to Roxbury, leaving Reuben in Trumbull, where he remained until twenty-one years of age, and then he came to New Milford. The tradition is that his own four brothers and sisters died young; and his father died in Roxbury, April 12, 1753, when Reuben was fourteen years of age; so that, when he came to New Milford, he had no kindred with whom he was acquainted. His half-brothers and sisters in Roxbury were strangers to him; therefore he must do the best he could, alone in the world; which accounts for the fact that very little information came to his descendants through him concerning his ancestors.

On the third day of March, 1760, before he was twenty-one years of age, he purchased one acre and a half of land, with one-quarter of a barn, of Daniel Pickett, where now stands the residence of Mr. Walter Booth in New Milford village, on which he built his first residence—the old house recently torn down.

He married, in 1763, Sarah, daughter of Daniel Hline, and the family at once stood among the first, and he became a leading man, as a farmer, in the town and in the county. He and Samuel Canfield, Jr., the Colonel, seem to have been engaged forty years in running a race as to which could buy and sell the most land-property in Connecticut, Vermont, and New York states; but he came out far ahead, having recorded to him about one hundred deeds in New Milford, and many of them deeds of good-sized farms. They, with a gentleman of Waterbury, bought several thousand acres of land at Fort Edward, N. Y., the last of which was disposed of by his grandson, Henry W. Booth, many years later.

Reuben Booth was younger by a number of years than Samuel Canfield or Sherman Boardman, and made a more successful career of life than the others in this one thing; he began without property, bare-handed,—while the others had a large com-

plement to start with, and came out only a little way ahead. They were all very acceptable members of the same church.

Dea. Sherman Boardman's name stood third on the tax-list in 1797, but in 1802 it stood at the head of the list, which position it retained until his death in 1814, in his eighty-ninth year. He was born in 1728; was sixteen years of age when his father, the Rev. Daniel Boardman, died, and was eleven years older than Reuben Booth, and two years younger than Col. Samuel Canfield. These three men were, for twenty-five years, contemporary in public affairs, and the most prominent, influential men of the town. Through the Revolution, with others, they stood together, and after that, to the death of the two, about 1800, they were the men of counsel and reliability. Mr. Boardman was in reality all that is implied in the words "the Deacon of the church," Mr. Canfield was emphatically the military Colonel, and Reuben Booth was the great commercial farmer—the buyer and seller of lands. The three were a great power in influence, and when combined, as they were to sustain the Rev. Stanley Griswold, Democrat though he was, the Litchfield South Consociation could not harm him, and it was largely the influence of Sherman Boardman that led the Congregational Church of New Milford to withdraw from that Consociation in 1805, three years after Mr. Griswold had left New Milford; a very proper act, which ought to have been done ten years before it was.

Mr. Boardman was active in all the offices and positions of trust for the town more than fifty years, and he was held in the highest esteem by all his fellow citizens. The following is no more than true: "Mr. Boardman was of a very charitable and benevolent disposition, and his frank, social, cheerful temperament secured the affectionate regard of all the good, while the strictly honest and unvaryingly moral tenor of his life won the respect of all who knew him. It is believed that when he departed he left no personal enemy."³

John Treat stood fourth on the tax-list in 1797, resided in the Neck, and some account of him will be found in the chapter on Bridgewater.

³ Memoir of Mrs. Mary Ann Boardman.

Abel Hinc, Esq., stood fifth on the list in 1797, but second from 1802 to 1815. He was born in 1731, and died in 1820 in his ninetieth year, and hence was three years younger than Sherman Boardman, and lived to be one year older. He was a very reliable, quiet, good man, engaged in many public offices, especially that of Justice of the Peace for many years, but was not as prominent as a public citizen as some others. He was a farmer, and lived on his farm southeast of the village, now the residence of Mr. E. B. Marsh, until he purchased the dwelling of Roger Sherman in 1761, where the Town Hall now stands, where he spent the remainder of his days.

His son, Beebe Hinc, was a prominent citizen many years, being still remembered with much pleasure.

Col. Josiah Starr stood number three in the list in 1809. He was born about 1740, being the son of Capt. Josiah Starr, of Danbury, Ct., and came to New Milford in 1762 or 3, where he purchased the homestead where his grandson, Col. William J. Starr, now resides, and resided there until his death in 1813, at the age of seventy-three years. He served in the Revolution, being keeper of the military stores in Danbury, and in May, 1776, was appointed Captain in one of the regiments being raised for the defense of the Colonies; was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the second battalion, and commissioned Jan. 9, 1777. He was at the siege of St. John's, and on his return received the commission of Colonel, Aug. 10, 1780; was at Monmouth, Germantown, and with the army during that terrible winter of suffering when it was short of supplies. After the war he enjoyed a comfortable home many years in New Milford.

Benjamin Buckingham stood number four in 1809; was a man of great energy of character; and a successful farmer residing on Second Hill, where he died in 1819, aged eighty-three years.

Benjamin Bostwick, 3d, was among the prominent citizens in 1809, standing fifth on the list, having had considerable property left him, although his father and grandfather died young. His residence was on Second Hill, where his son Solomon resided after him. He was a successful farmer, a respected citizen, and died in 1815, aged seventy-one years.

Zachariah Sanford was a prominent and active citizen in 1797, standing sixth on the list among 300. He was nephew

to Benoni Stebbins, and came into the town about 1758. He was quite active, some years, in town offices and enterprises. His influence in the town was more noted as a farmer and stirring citizen than as a politician or town officer. His residence was near the mouth of the Aspetuck River.

Oliver Warner, son of Capt. John, was an influential, successful farmer in the southern part of the town, and lived to the age of eighty-three. The Warner family stood high socially for many years.

Capt. Isaac Bostwick, son of Lemuel, born in 1730, became a successful, prominent farmer in the town, his residence being about a mile northeast of the Great Falls many years. He was in the Revolution with his company of militia, from the south part of the town, some months, and was prominent in the work of the town in sustaining the war. After the war, and possibly during its continuance, he became collector for state taxes in New Milford, in which office he became involved, either by the delays occasioned by the great difficulties in the way of collecting taxes, the depreciation of money (some of which, at least, the town took upon itself), or by the improper use of the money, or by neglect to collect certain rate-bills within the specified time; and there is considerable evidence that this last was the difficulty; so that, in the year 1788, he was found a defaulter to the amount of £796 14s. 6d.

The uprightness of the Captain is seen in the full surrender of all he had, to meet these demands. The committee appointed to settle the matter for the town say in their report:—

“And having, by the free consent of said Captain Bostwick, fully examined and inspected his rate-bills and papers, we find due upon said bills as they now stand, as follows:—

“In hard money, including interest,	£22 12 11
In certificates, including interest, £146 12s 4d, which, being reduced to hard money, [half loss],	73 6 2
In orders, including interest, £55 16s 10d; reduced to hard money,	14 0 0
In states money, including interest, £48 19s 8d; reduced to hard money,	12 5 0
Whole sum due on said bills,	£122 4 1
Deducted for uncollectible bills [too bad !],	46 18 11
Whole sums due on bills and collectible,	£75 5 2
Still to be abated on the bills [what for ?]	20 0 0
Due on the bills,	£55 5 2.”

Here it may be seen that the bills as he received them amounted to £251 8s 10d; and all the credit he received for these amounted to £55 5s 2d; loss £196 3s 8d.

To meet the deficiency, the committee report:—

“ We have received by quit-claim deed, eighty-five acres of land, mortgaged to said former committee, and five acres adjoining thereto	
—the whole at	£390 15 9
Also, by warrantee deed, fifty-one acres near his house, at	204 0 0
Also, by warrantee deed, one hundred acres in Hinesburgh, Vt., at	30 0 0
Also, his fees on the several taxes unsettled; reduced to hard money,	
[more loss!]	20 3 11
Also, two yoke of oxen, at	24 0 0
Also, two cows [in room of depreciated money!] at	7 10 0
Also, two two-year-old heifers, at	3 10 0
Also, two calves, at	1 16 0
Also, in certificates is and state money orders, reduced to hard money	
[rather “hard”!],	6 0 0
Also, in notes and an execution,	57 8 10
Also, by an allowance to him for two counterfeit orders unavoidably	
lost, as we judge,	5 10 0
Also, his own note for hard money,	10 0 0
Also, his other note for £72, certificates reduced to hard money,	36 0 0
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	£796 14 6.”

In addition to the above, Captain Bostwick gave a bond for one hundred pounds, to supply any loss, if such should occur, in the sale of the land deeded to the town.

While the appearance of the whole matter seems afflictive, yet we must suppose that if this loss was wholly by depreciation of the various kinds of money then used, the town would not have demanded the payment in full as they did, and therefore the conclusion is that some way the Captain was negligent and failed to meet the responsibilities under which he had placed himself by accepting the office of county collector. After all, there is something grand in the way he surrendered his property and made provision for all liabilities. He did no smuggling, no running away, no unmanly work, but came to the front like a faithful captain in the time of trial.

Lemuel Warner, brother to Oliver, was seventh on the tax-list in 1809. He lived to the age of eighty-two years.

Capt. Elezur Warner, brother also of Oliver, was an influential farmer in the southern part of the town. He was deacon of the Congregational Church, and lived to the age of sixty-eight years. He was captain in the war of 1812, and after the

war received an appointment under the government, for several years, at the armory in Springfield, Mass.

Col. Reuben Warner attained considerable military distinction ; was justice of the peace, and lived to the age of sixty-seven years. He and his family were noted for their elegance of style and accomplished manners, they having a competency of worldly comforts.

David Northrop, son of Amos, the first in this town, stood fourth on the tax-list of 1802. The Northrop family were successful, influential farmers, but the name in this family has nearly disappeared from the town ; Aunt Sally Northrop having been the last, living to the age of a little over one hundred years, a crowning honor to the family.

Capt. Abel Gunn, son of Nathan, stood number twenty-fourth in 1802, and, in 1809, fourteenth, and died in 1812, aged sixty-five years.

Epinetus Gunn, son of Abel, stood twenty-fifth on the tax-list in 1802, eighth in 1809, and his widow, Sarah, fifth in 1821, he having died that year, aged sixty-four.

Two families of the name of Gunn settled at Poplar Swamp (Park Lane) about 1750, and acquired considerable property and influence as citizens ; but the name died out some years since.

David Merwin, son of David, born in New Milford (in Bridgewater) in 1757, stood twelfth on the list in 1802, and died in 1826 (says grave-stone) aged seventy-nine, which seems to be an error. His father came to the town about 1740. He married Mary Noble, and had nine children. The Merwin family has been prominent and influential unto the present time.

John Merwin, son of David, of Bridgewater, stood eleventh on the list in 1802.

Stephen Merwin, sixteenth in 1802, and was a successful farmer.

Abel Merwin was seventeenth, and lived on Long Mountain.

Gideon Treat, half brother of John Treat, although young, was among the most wealthy men of the Neck in 1802. See the chapter on Bridgewater.

Epenetus Platt stood number nine on the list in 1809, and was at the time probably the wealthiest man in Lower Merrell, owning hundreds of acres of land.

In 1821, the list, as already noticed, presented names in very greatly changed relations ; young men had risen up into the places of their fathers, and new names are introduced, much higher up the scale, who had become the men of activity and responsibility. The names look so well in the columns that, but for some instruction to be gained, we should leave them in their quiet standing.

Thomas Wells is first, having his residence at Park Lane ; a great farmer with a good farm. He is not a captain, nor a colonel ; he does not go to the legislature ; he is a farmer. He had been in the town just forty years ; was descended from a governor of the state of Connecticut, and came into the town a young man, with some money to start with ; that is all. Young men despise farming, but here is a farmer, leading a quiet, peaceable, honorable life,—a fair man,—a considerate man ;—a good citizen,—well respected,—still highly spoken of ;—his children are all an honor to the old home. The grand old elms in front of the house, standing in the place of the ancient row of poplars along that street, now proclaim the greatness of the years that are past, and of him who planted them a hundred years ago. He had a farmer's life and a farmer's reward, his name standing at the head of the tax-list of the town.

Hon. Elijah Boardman stood second in 1821, and died two years later—in 1823—aged 63 years. His name standing here shows that he did not withdraw from the First Society, but was paying more for its support than any one in the town except Thomas Wells, and it is through his business management of the work of that society, from 1796 to 1821, that we have any and all of these lists preserved, concerning the seating of the people in the Congregational meeting-house. (See Biog.)

Ithamar Canfield, third in the list, son of Col. Samuel Canfield, born in 1764. He built the long house still standing in front of Mr. Henry W. Booth's residence ; resided in one part, and kept a store in the other until late in life, when he retired from business, and resided at the south end of the green until his death in 1848, at the age of 84 years. He was a good business man, careful, energetic, and successful, and much respected.

Beebe Hine, son of Abel Hine, Esqr., a farmer and cattle-drover, fifth on the list of 1821, after a number of years of

successful enterprisc in his work, lost heavily by men in his employ. He was one of the most enterprising citizens of the town in his day, and hence did not make as much money for himself as improvements for the town. From 1806 to 1812 he was in the Legislature nearly every term.

Capt. Eli Todd, son of Doct. Jonah Todd, kept a tavern and store in Park Lane many years. About 1800 he was a prominent business man, and was active in the public offices of the town. His store was at the site of the two old houses still standing next north of Mr. Edwin N. Bostwick's house.

Stephen Hine, Jr., son of Stephen, born in Woodbridge in 1754, came to New Milford when about 21 years of age, and settled on land he had purchased on Candlewood Mountain, where some of his descendants still reside. It is said that the soil of that locality, what there is of it, is about as unproductive as any in the town, but it is a good locality if judged by the characteristics of the Hine family, who have resided there and in other parts of the town.

Rivertus Camp married Huldah Clark in 1775, and settled on the plains about a mile north of Gallows Hill, where he lived until his decease in 1824. He was a man of considerable influence, as indicated by the town records.

Col. Elisha Bostwick, twelfth in the list, son of Samuel, Sen.; born in 1748; served in the Revolution; was Town Clerk fifty-three years; a highly respected citizen. (See Biog.)

Hon. Homer Boardman, thirteenth in the list, son of Dea. Sherman Boardman, was born in 1764, and was a farmer on the Boardman homestead, at Boardman's Bridge, all his life. He possessed a remarkably noble personal figure, and was one of the finest appearing men of whom New Milford could ever boast. He possessed intellectual qualities of unusual symmetry and perfectness, but never sought political distinction nor official position. He was greatly respected, and honored with all the high positions of trust and office of his native town, being elected as Representative and State Senator; and an elector of President and Vice-President of the United States in 1824. He died in 1851, aged 86 years.

Samuel Comstock came from Stratford a young man, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Theophilus Baldwin, in 1751,

and had a family of five sons and three daughters, but his descendants have all disappeared from the town. His home was on the east side of the street where the new Episcopal Church now stands. He was Representative several terms during the Revolutionary War, and must have been among the most influential men in the town at that time. He removed to Chestnut Land, in the northeast part of the town, in his later years.

John Comstock, also from Stratford, and probably brother to Samuel, came to New Milford, and married Deborah, daughter of John Welch, in 1743. The Comstock families were influential and "well to do" citizens for many years. He had a son Samuel, and it is probable it was he who was called Samuel, Jr., to distinguish him from his uncle Samuel; for, according to the records, Samuel the elder had no son named Samuel. Hon. Perry Smith married Anne, the only daughter of Samuel Comstock, Jr. John Comstock's house was on the west side of Poplar street, a little way north from the old burying-ground.

CHAPTER XVII.

THE HAPPY DAYS OF YORE.



PERPETUAL are the changes transpiring in the world, as is realized in the sad and joyful experiences of the children of the human family, and since it is and must be so, it is not wise to make these changes the criterion for bitter complaint and dissatisfaction, nor for high expectation of rapid future progress. Whether Joshua's sun stood still or not, it is very certain that, at times, the onward progress of events appears to stand still with an utter indifference to long-needed reforms, or that the dial-hand turns backward on the face of time, and the hearts of the hopeful sons of improvement grow weary with waiting for the days of victory and triumph. Again, when a few rays of progressive sunlight break through the slowly yielding clouds of superstition and the night of ignorance, the great powers for the elevation of men move forward in one grand step, reviving all hopes, ambitions, and aspirations, as if the mid-day light would soon come, and men become buoyant and expectant of great things; then again the shadows fall across the valley of time, as if night were approaching, and the former years were about to return. But such is life as it travels through the vale of the years that is allotted to man, to the great untried future, from which "none ever return."

The days of the early history of New England were full of danger and fear, and there were so many obstacles to overcome in making new homes and preparations for the comfort of families; in settling proper foundations for society and religious organizations, and in earning a comfortable livelihood, that character was more early and strongly developed, and personal traits became more distinctly marked.

These things were peculiarly true of New Milford, and they

continued so until within forty years, when new elements began to be introduced. Almost every man and woman had a marked personality, that stood out from others as a distinctive quality of mind, taste, habit, and education.

Some particular occurrences will illustrate these statements as well as afford a true historical record.

A Case of Conscience.

In the early history of the First Church, about 1739, a division of sentiment arose in relation to the singing, some desiring a choir to lead instead of the deacons standing in front of the pulpit. It was agreed to permit the use of the new way at the last singing before the close of the services, and that if any who were opposed to the new way desired, they could go out before the last singing. On the next Sabbath, at the appointed time, Old Dick, a stalwart slave belonging to Parson Boardman, came down from his pew in the extreme corner of the gallery with his frozen brogans with great deliberation pounding along the stairs, while the congregation waited for the end. The next morning the Parson sent for Dick, to whom when he came with hat under his arm, in obedient style, eyes wide open and mysterious, the Parson delivered a definite reprimand for going out of meeting as he did, and then asked, "Why did you do so and disturb the congregation?" Dick replied, "Conscience, Massa Boardman, conscience." Said the Parson; "Dick, what do you know about conscience?" "O, Massa Boardman, I don't know zackly, but it is something or odder right in here (placing his hand on his breast), Massa Boardman, that says, I won't."

Power of Habit.

It having become a Christian duty, as was supposed, two of the brethren of the Church were appointed to labor with Brother B——, who from early and long-continued habit had not been able to refrain from using the term, "I swear," in ordinary conversation. At the appointed time the Committee called on Brother B., and made known the object of their visit. After an earnest reprimand, followed by prayer, the two brethren arose to go, and each clasping the hand of the remiss brother, urged him to promise that he would not again offend, saying, "Now,

brother, we wish you to pledge most faithfully not to do it." Upon which Brother B. said: "I won't do so any more, I swear I won't." From this time the case seemed settled.

A Town Vote.

"Dec. 9, 1771. Voted that a Black Bonnet, a red Woman's Cloak and Woosted Gown belonging to the estate of Hannah Beaman, deceased, be kept for and given to her daughter Hannah Beaman when [of] age, and if she dies under age, the town to have them."

The Boardmans and Taylors.

These families were by natural endowments quite unlike, although not to extremes, unless it was on the occasion when, as is told, that Parson Taylor started after a flying hen and caught her before she could cross the garden. But the Boardmans were calm and guided by the cool exercise of judgment; and what is remarkably true, neither of the families have ever had an erratic, "crooked stick" or "black sheep in it." Guess that's about as high as it is best to go, but it is true as "true blue."

On one occasion an alarm being given that hostile Indians were coming, a neighbor ran to the parsonage of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, to help Madam Boardman and her children reach the fort. He found her quietly engaged in knitting and told her the danger and the necessity of hastening in the work of safety. Waiting a moment and seeing that she did not hurry, he became more earnest in urging her departure, to which she replied with perfect self-possession that she would go "as soon as she had knit into the seam-needle."

A part of this coolness should be credited to the exercise of clear, good judgment, for there had been many alarms of coming Indians without any Indians to be found.

The daughter of Madam Boardman, the wife of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, possessed the same characteristics. While visiting a friend at some distance, a messenger came and informed her that one of her children had been badly scalded, and obeying the call she returned home at her usual moderate and dignified step. On arriving, she found her husband running about in an excited manner, but without paying attention to him, she went quietly to work, and had done all things necessary

for the child before the doctor arrived. Afterwards, on being asked why she did not hurry, she replied, that she had to think over what it was best to do, and where all the things were which would be wanted, and in this way she would be prepared on reaching home to do the work without delay and confusion.

The Taylor and Boardman families were of opposite temperaments,—the former quick and mercurial, active intellectually and physically, but the latter moderate and imperturable, with minds moving not rapidly but surely.

A member of the family related that Rev. Mr. Taylor would come across the lot where the Congregational Church now stands, which was between his house and his son's, burst in at the kitchen door and break out passionately, blaming his son for something he had done, declaring, "If you do so again, Natty, I will disinherit you," and rush off again. When half across the lot, he would stop, turn back, come quietly into the house and say, as if nothing had happened, "Natty, Natty, I forgot to tell you,"—and would go on with a long and pleasant talk. But this was not the way he treated his work as a minister, for everything regarding this was arranged by the most careful forethought, discretion and cautiousness, so that amidst the conflicting powers of the Quakers, the Episcopalians, and the Separates, in a limited community he successfully prosecuted his work. Only once in fifty years was he called to an account of his stewardship. Then the society sent a committee to ask him what he was doing so much out of his study, and he sent word back to this effect that the town, instead of giving him bank dividends had bestowed on him a large tract of land, and he had to attend to it personally or he should not have enough for his family to eat. Upon which the society voted that they were satisfied, and Mr. Taylor went to his study, also satisfied.

It must have been a little bewildering to the good people of New Milford about 1760, when the four societies had attained to working order, there being just enough people in the town to make one good church. Baptism was the great subject of logical discussion. The Quakers were calling for no baptism but the inward; the Separates denied baptism to all except believers and their children; the Episcopalians stood ready to baptize all the nations, and Mr. Taylor, a young man at the head of the legal

Church, poured forth the wonderful eloquence of Mather's Dissertations on infant baptism. No wonder after that the Baptists came as near as Bridgewater at the south, and Miss Jemima Wilkinson a little way up north! At this time—1760—the Quaker meeting-house stood half a mile below the "Great Bridge" on the west side of the river, the Episcopal Church at the south end of the Green, the Congregational meeting-house (the new one) in the center of the Green, and the Separatists' meeting-house in the street at the Burying-ground—now the old part of the Cemetery.

The Story of "My Goose" Never Told.

Ladies' tea parties were a prominent feature of social life. On one occasion Mrs. Nathaniel Taylor had a small company of friends to spend the afternoon and take tea. They were in the parlors, each with her knitting or other handiwork (there were no stockings to be bought at that time), and talking, as housekeepers still like to do, of their domestic affairs and dairy success. One began to tell of her spinning, when a quiet sister, who could not hold her own as well as others, also began—"My goose"—when she was interrupted by another, who gave an account of her weaving, but when barely through, the former, starting again with "My goose," tried, but vainly, to be heard. Every one had something to say of her cheese, or her chickens, or other interests, each in turn being interrupted with an attempt to tell the story of "My goose," until the summons to tea came, and Parson Taylor came down from his study. "I have been greatly interested, ladies, in your conversation, which I overheard up stairs. I thought it worth preserving, so I wrote down what was said, and I will read it to you."

Their surprise was great, but their amusement greater, when he read of the unwearied and unsuccessful efforts of their friend to introduce the story of "My goose."

New Milford, certainly as far back as Parson Taylor, has been known for its good living, including all the refinements of the table then enjoyed. Families lived well at all times, but when there was company, the tables fairly groaned with the good things piled upon them. During the prevalence of the New Milford fever in 1812, Doct. Eli Ives, a prominent physician in

New Haven, who was called here for consultation, remarked to a friend on his return, that he had often wondered at the fastidiousness in regard to food of some patients of his who were born and reared in New Milford ; but the mystery was solved since he had been there and learned that the people there were all "brought up on chickens' backs."

At a family Thanksgiving dinner on one occasion, sixteen large dishes of poultry and meats made a long line from one end of the table to the other, including turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, roast beef, and spare rib, with dainties and delicacies to correspond.

At another similar dinner, about the same time—more than forty years ago—there were present children and four of their great-grandparents ; the latter were Col. William Taylor and his wife and Mr. Ithamar Canfield and his wife.

The residents of this town have always had a strong attachment to the place, regarding it, and justly, as better than neighboring towns in point of beauty and social advantages, which latter were given it by a number of wealthy families, whose style of living and position in relation to public affairs, gave them prominence.

Many of these intermarried and remained here instead of removing, and thus a select and, perhaps, somewhat exclusive society was naturally formed and continued until the village began to grow rapidly after the railroad through the town was constructed. Some of these still remain, and give character and dignity to the standing and influence of the town abroad.

The Epidemic of 1812.

This disease, referred to above, was a fever, denominated the New Milford fever, and sometimes called the black vomit fever. It began on the 8th of January, 1812, as recorded by Davis Baldwin, which paper is still preserved complete, and prevailed until July 21st of the same year, during which the name and date of the death of ninety-nine persons were recorded.

On each day—the 25th and 26th of January—there died six persons, making twelve in the town in the two days, ten of them being adults. On the 3d of March five died, four of them being adult persons. During March, April, and the half of May,

deaths occurred almost daily, and on two days five deaths each ; so that, during the two and a half months, fifty-eight persons died, and only six of them were children. On the 7th of May the mortality suddenly ceased, so that, from that time until the 21st of July, only a few (16) cases occurred.

This "New Milford fever" was a malignant type of lung fever, and baffled the skill of the best physicians, they being, also, unable to find the occasion for its outbreak, although seven came from a distance at one time to search for the cause. The deaths being so numerous, the bell was tolled two and three times in rapid succession. It is said there were eight corpses lying on Second Hill at one time, and for two months terror and grief usurped all other feelings. It first appeared on Second Hill, and spread rapidly to the village and other parts of the town. It was not contagious, but epidemic.

Social Entertainments.

In those earlier days the social enjoyments were entirely different from those of the present day. The ladies had their afternoon visits and early tea-drinkings, and in Winter, when the men and women were less occupied than at other seasons, they engaged in sleighing parties, visiting friends a few miles away, and often large companies, filling twenty or thirty sleighs, would go to Danbury or Brookfield, and enjoy a supper arranged for beforehand. They went in the afternoon, and were safe at home by ten o'clock ; though when young people went by themselves for a dance, the hours were later. These sleighing parties are still well remembered by the elderly people.

The following is a copy of a card still preserved among a bagful of like remembrances :

" BALL.

The pleasure of Miss Caroline Boardman's company is requested at Mr. Lyman Keeler's Assembly Room, on Friday evening, 3d July next, at 6 o'clock P. M.

John G. Noble,	}	Managers.	{	G. Taylor,
H. Buckingham,				R. I. Canfield,
J. Wells,				S. Lockwood."

New Milford, June 15, 1818.

"QUARTER BALL.

Miss Mary Ann Boardman : You are respectfully solicited to attend a Quarter Ball, at Mr. G. Booth's Assembly Room, on Thursday, the 3d day of June next, at 3 oclock P. M.

R. I. Canfield,	} Managers.	{	S. Lockwood,
G. S. Boardman,			D. H. Boardman,
G. Taylor,			W. C. Blackney.

New Milford, May 26, 1819."

The now beautiful Main street of the village with its smooth green, asphaltic sidewalks and paved gutters, well-kept grass, and general air of order and neatness was, until forty or fifty years ago, in a very different condition.

After heavy rains, the water poured in torrents from the Aspetuck hill north of the village, and rushed in a muddy stream, making a deep and unsightly gully through the green, which was seldom dry, and along whose course unsightly weeds and brambles grew luxuriantly. It went the whole length of the street and emptied into Great Brook below. This continued thus until a few years since. The pigs and geese belonging to the residents lived in the street, to its great disfigurement and the discomfort of passers-by, and cows were not unfrequently pastured on the green in front of the houses. A generation previous, wood-piles ornamented the front dooryards and were often placed outside of the fences. So late as 1831 or 2, the Congregational and Episcopal churches stood on the lower part of the green, not far apart. The former was a fine edifice for the times, being large and of good proportions, having square, high-sided pews, and high pulpit and sounding board. Many of the farmers unaccustomed to sitting during the week were obliged to stand during the sermon to keep awake, and often in their shirt sleeves, having only heavy coats, thin ones being then unknown.

The horses which brought people from outside the village to the churches were fastened to large rails set in heavy posts on the outside of the walks along the street, which posts and rails were used, also, for the same purpose during the week when the people came to the stores, which added greatly to the uncleanness in front of the houses. The stores were all in Main street, which on a fine day would be lined with wagons, which had

brought people from the outer districts and neighboring towns for "trading," as it is called. New Milford was then, and until the Housatonic Railroad was built, the business center for a large population, comprising the lower part of Litchfield County. There was a long brick store standing on the west side of Main street just below Mrs. Judge Sanford's present residence, kept by Dea. McMahon, who was for many years an influential man in society and a prominent member of the church.¹ This store was standing as late as 1842. A little lower down was another store, kept by Mr. Eli Mygatt for many years, and across the street on the site of the new Episcopal Church was the store of Dea. George Whittelsey, the only one on the east side of the street, and which remained the only place of business on Main street for many years after all others were removed to the new street opened to the railroad station. Mr. Whittelsey died less than four years ago, having spent here a long life, except his early youth. He was an active deacon in the Congregational Church, an earnest Christian and an influential member of society.

Doct. Williams's Quiet Opinion.

Doct. Jehiel Williams was one of the most highly esteemed men that ever resided in New Milford. Of his kindness and attentive good will there was never any end. At the sound of his name, all who ever knew him, high or low, rich or poor, all unto this day are ready to pay the most sincere and profound homage. Perry Smith lived near neighbor to the doctor, was a man of large political influence; very wealthy, had been Senator of the United States, but had obtained his wealth by methods which seemed often objectionable to his fellow-citizens.

One day it was told to Doctor Williams that somebody had given Perry Smith a horse-whipping. "Well," said the Doctor, in his slow, quiet way, "I don't know as I want any body to be

¹ His only son, Henry C. McMahon, became a Christian during the four days' meeting held here in 1827 or 8, and was sent soon after as one of the delegates to a similar meeting held in the Center Church in New Haven, where, standing at the Communion table, he addressed a large audience with great effect. His account of his own experience and earnest appeal to the young to come to Christ, coming from a youth of eighteen years, and of uncommon beauty of person and powers of voice, was impressive to a high degree.

horse whipped, but if somebody must be, I'd about as lieve Perry Smith would get it as anybody."

The doctor enjoyed a joke with the finest kind of relish and sentiment, and when pleased he had a way of laughing that was so hearty and full of glee as to set everybody into the same mood. He used some phrases in such a habitual way of thoughtless repetition that often the repetition was a joke in itself. If he was to give an opinion he always said, "I most guess." A Mr. Peet brought him some wood, and while unloading it, asked the doctor what he should do for a bad sore he had on his leg. The doctor examined it and told how to proceed in the matter by some simple remedies which he himself could make. Upon this, Mr. Peet, more as a matter of respect than otherwise, asked the doctor how much he should pay him. "Well," said the doctor, slowly, "I most guess, twenty-five cents." Afterwards while riding where a citizen was gathering his turnips the doctor stopped, looked at the turnips, and proposed to buy a few bushels. While discussing the matter Mr. Peet came along, and the doctor called to him to look at the turnips and give his opinion of them. Mr. Peet in response very quietly examined the vegetables and with considerable formality pronounced his opinion in favor of the turnips, and the doctor bought them.

In the spring the doctor proposed a settlement with Mr. Peet for several loads of wood and asked him to present his bill, which he did. As the doctor was looking it over, he called out, "What's this, Mr. Peet, I see you have a charge here of twenty-five cents for advice. What is it for?" "O," said Mr. Peet, "don't you remember you wanted my advice last fall on some turnips?" After a second's thought the doctor straightened himself to his utmost height, and in his most fun-provoking laugh exclaimed: "Ha—ha—ha,—I most guess I'll pay that bill."

In the sale of the "Western Reserve" lands in Ohio, Elijah Boardman and Ithamar Canfield were personally interested, having invested considerable sums in the purchase. Mr. Boardman was in Ohio much of the time for some years, actively engaged in disposing of the lands so as to realize advantageous returns. While at home, after a long term of such labor, he and Mr. Canfield were discussing the best methods of managing these interests, when Mr. Canfield gave the opinion that there should be no

hurry in selling the land, and remarked, "these lands will eventually make our grand-children independently rich." "Yes," replied Mr. Boardman, "but we shall all be in heaven long before that." "Yes," said Mr. Canfield, "and that's the devil of it!"

Judge David S. Boardman was very much given to the enjoyment of pleasant and witty sayings, to which he had an inexhaustible store of illustration. Being of a very even temper, and possessing a memory that never forgot anything, he had a story about every family and almost every person in the town, and every public man in the nation.

When the professors of religion became very much elated in view of the assurance of a final happy place of rest, the judge would tell the story of a little girl whom he knew very well, and who dreamed that she died and went to heaven; and who very innocently remarked, that "it was a very beautiful place; that she saw a great many very beautiful, and very happy people there; and that she saw *some* people there that she had seen in church here."

One of the richest and most prominent men, whose name stood second on the tax-list for twenty years from 1800, was Abel Hine, or Squire Hine as he was always called, who owned and occupied a dwelling which stood partly on the site of the present Town Hall. He was son of Lt. James Hine, the first of the name in New Milford. He was merchant, farmer, justice of the peace, representative; a leader in the enterprises of that city; a man of sterling integrity and honesty, and was known in all this region for his habits of system, order, and punctuality, and for two generations his name was a proverb for all of these qualities. No greater praise would be given than to have it said that such an one was as punctual or systematic as Squire Hine; and when a descendant of the fifth generation appeared to have the same peculiarities strongly marked at a very early age, the grandparents said, "She is a chip of the old block; Squire Hine over again." His shrewdness and good judgment made him the counselor of all who needed advice or help, and though the "Well, well, well," with which he greeted any unusual statement may have seemed a little harsh, he was kind-hearted, generous, and ready to assist others with his matured wisdom.

His house, like others of that day, was plainly furnished only

with chairs, tables, and beds ; and, as in all good houses, the inevitable "chest of drawers." There was no carpet on the floor, but those of the parlors were kept neatly sanded. It is said there was not a carpet in all New Milford until the next generation. There was an unevenness in the floor of the room where the family table was always set, and for more than twenty years before his death, the same chip was used under one leg of the table to make it stand even.

A gentleman still living tells the story of his going into Mrs. Hine's when he was a small boy, and seeing the floor of the room scrubbed so clean and white that he was afraid to step on it ; that he remembered, it very definitely, for Aunt Hine gave him a large piece of bread, spread with the rich butter for which she was celebrated in the making, and this covered with honey, just the most perfect morsel to suit his taste, and on taking it, being exceedingly careful to conduct himself as he should, by some mysterious mishap he dropped the piece, which fell—of course—honey-side down on the shining floor. This so frightened him that he fled with all the force his legs could muster to his home, and did not go near Aunt Hine's again for many weeks ; but when he did she was just as nice and kind as ever.

Esquire Abel Hine died in 1820 in his ninetieth year.

His son Beebe Hine was also a very influential man in the town for many years, and possessed the same qualities as his father. He was so honest that he did not suspect others' dishonesty, which fact proved his financial ruin.

Breaking the Sabbath.

A peculiar case of Sabbath-breaking was brought before one of the justices of the peace in New Milford, soon after the Housatonic railroad was put in running order, about thirty-five years ago. The rails used at first on the road consisted of flat bars of iron spiked to long pieces of timber. A man, who is still living, was walking from Gaylordsville on the railroad on Sunday morning, and seeing the end of one of these iron rails bent upward, and supposing it endangered the safety of the train, bent the rail to its proper place with stones, and anything he could obtain, to accomplish the object, and then proceeded quietly on his way home. On Monday morning he was arrest-

ed for doing this work, and brought before a justice of the peace. After hearing the testimony the justice remarked that it was a clear case of Sabbath-breaking, but that the case was not as bad as he had heard it was, and therefore he would impose the fine of only one dollar and the costs. To sum up such a case, we would say that for obeying the instincts of humanity, in saving a railroad train from being wrecked, this man had to pay what would take him at that time a whole week to earn.

'A Premonition of Death.'

The following is an abbreviated account written by Miss Electa Bostwick, whose five brothers and sisters died, the manuscript being preserved by Judge David S. Boardman. The writer and the children who died were first cousins to Judge Boardman. They were the children of Reuben Bostwick of Brookfield, who was the son of Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, and brother to David S. Boardman's mother. This narration was very much talked about for many years.

Lois Bostwick's Discourse with her Sister Electa.

"A few months before her death Lois was often found with her book in her hand reading and talking with Electa about dying. One day she said 'I believe there will be sickness in our family, before long, and I believe I shall be sick and shall die, and one of the family will die and be buried with me, but which of them I cannot tell.' Electa asked, 'Will I be sick?' She said 'I believe you will, but I don't think you will die.' Then she said to Electa, 'How will it make you feel if I should die and Reuben, Ezra, Almon and Mabel?' Not long after this she related to Electa that she awoke in the night and 'lay awake some time, and heard a knocking at the chamber door. At first it knocked three times; the second time twice. Then a light appeared in the chamber for a quarter of an hour, which exceeded daylight and then vanished away.'

"A night or two after this she related: 'I dreamed that a man came to me and taking my hand, led me into a dark room, exceeding all darkness I ever saw, then into another which appeared lighter, then into a third room which was very light, and the pleasantest I ever saw; then he led me into a fourth room which exceeded all the rest in brightness. Then I was led up four steps which appeared to lead to a high mountain; when we stopped the man said, "Look down and see hell," and I saw it, for it looked terrible, and I heard the dreadful crying of them that were there. While beholding this, I saw a man pitch headlong down into the lake of fire.' Electa asked if she knew him. She said, 'No, but I thought I had seen him in our meeting-house.' 'Then I was led along until I came to the gates of heaven, and I saw the glory, exceeding all that I had ever seen, and I heard the singing, which exceeded all the music I ever heard. And I heard the words they

¹ Just like some of the pictures in old religious books.

sang, but I have forgotten them. Then I thought of Dada and Mamma and all of the family, and wished they were all with me. Then I asked the man if I might go into heaven. He said, "Not yet, but before long you may." The man said, "I shall let go of your hand and you will awake," and I did, and was sorry to part with him for he was the pleasantest man that I ever saw, and he talked with me all the time he led me by the hand. When I awoke out of sleep I could not help feeling of my hand with my other hand, and I thought it felt warm.'

"A little after this in the evening Lois desired to go with Electa to Mr. Platt's to see them. Electa was not willing to go, but Lois urged, saying she did not think she should ever go there again unless she went that evening, and she wished to see them once more. They went, and stayed about two hours at Mr. Platt's, and, on their way home, Lois said, 'I believe Almon and Mabel will be sick when we get home.' Electa asked her why she thought so, but she only replied, 'I don't like to tell you now.' When they reached home the two children were sick, and Lois said, 'Did I not tell you they would be sick?' Electa asked, 'What made you think so?' She replied, 'I almost knew they would, and they will certainly die.' The children Almon and Mabel were taken sick on the 2d day of January, 1777, and they both died on the 14th of the same month, at which time Electa, Lois, Reuben, and Ezra were sick. Lois was asleep when Mabel died, and when she awoke Electa asked her if she knew Mabel was dead. She said, 'No, is she?' Electa said, 'Are you not sorry?' She replied, 'No; why should I be sorry? for they are better off than you or I, for they are both in heaven now, and I think it will not be long before I shall be with them.'

"Almon and Mabel were both buried in one coffin.

"Some time before these two little boys were sick, they got up in the morning and told their mother that somebody knocked at the bedroom door in the night four or five times. Their mother told them it could not be, for the doors were all fastened. They said it was somebody, and that, directly after, the room was light as day. After this, while yet well, they said if they should be sick, they should die. When they were sick, and one died, the other asked to go with him, and did not want to live here.

"Lois and Ezra died on the 18th of January, 1777, and Reuben on the 20th, two days later. Lois was in her eleventh year, Reuben in his eighth, Ezra in his seventh, Almon in his fourth, and Mabel in her second."

Training in Schools.

Before the schools of recent date, or about 1790, Prof. Nehemiah Strong had a private school for boys in New Milford. He was professor in Yale College, whither he went at intervening periods to give instruction in certain classes, but residing here. The treatment of pupils in those days was often very severe, and cuffing and whipping were constantly resorted to as the most effective discipline. It is related that Prof. Strong, in the school-room, was often so absorbed in solving mathematical problems, that, unconsciously to himself, his wig would become awry, and, the temptation being too strong to resist, the scholars took advantage by making faces, and cutting up capers behind his back,

and finally making noise enough to arouse him, when he would turn his attention to them, and administer such corporeal punishment as in the judgment of the boys was out of proportion.

Miss Hannah Northrop kept school in the Town House at the head of Main street, and, being a severe disciplinarian, punished one pupil so that a serious law-suit resulted from it.

An Involuntary Ride.

While the Second Congregational meeting-house was standing on the green, it was customary for the men in summer time to go over to the store on the west side of the street, and sit on the benches on the platform during intermission on Sunday. On a pleasant day in warm weather a man, being well dressed and in white pantaloons, having occupied the seat alone for some time, on hearing the bell begin to ring, started suddenly as if late, and, taking a direct course across the bogs and rough places on the green, was hurrying on his way, when a large hog, being frightened by this traveler, jumped from the mud, and ran with great fury against the man, who, falling on the animal, was carried some distance, and landed safely among the bogs. It was not the bogs so much that disturbed his anticipations just then, as the fact of the large number of his fellow citizens standing at the church-door in full view; and this view did not seem so objectionable, in that he could see them, as that they could see him. Upon picking himself up gently, he seemed for a little time considerably amazed in view of the fact that his once white pantaloons had very much the appearance of the flying animal which had just left the mud pond where he was standing.

Convenient Balances for the Time-Being.

In the early settlements all implements for weighing and measurement were very difficult, and sometimes quite impracticable to obtain, in consequence of which various expedients were resorted to in order to secure equity. It is said that some of the very early settlers, in making purchases of furs from the Indians, counted "the hand to weigh one pound and the foot two pounds." It is not stated that any of them cut off their hands or feet at just such a length as to secure this precise weight.

CHAPTER XVIII.

LANESVILLE.



QUIETLY sits the village with the above name on the great plains about half a mile west of the Great Falls. It consists of a few sparsely located farm-houses, one small store, and two old mills. The days of its first greatness have passed away.

The first work of civilization at the locality now called Lanesville, by the falls on Still River, was the building of the first gristmill in the town by John Griswold and William Gould about 1717. Previous to this some of the land had been laid out along Still River for meadows. Mr. John Griswold's dwelling-house seems to have been located on the east side of the Housatonic, two miles above the Falls, a little south of the residence of the late A. S. Rogers, where he died in 1719, and where a large proportion of his seventy acres, given him for building the mill, were located.

Capt. John Warner began work on his farm on the Danbury road in 1725, at the corner where the Methodist meeting-house was erected about one hundred years later; and about three years later his brother, Joseph Warner, settled a little further south on the same road; and Joseph Waller, at the same time and place. Capt. John Warner's farm was located adjoining the lower end of the Common Field, the east and west fence of that field crossing the valley at the north side of his farm, the corner of the field and the south gate being at the foot of the hill west of his dwelling-house.

Ezekiel Buck was the next settler in this immediate locality, about 1725 or 6, and in 1734 a school was established for a part of the year, for these families, as may be seen in Chapter XV of this book, the school-house being located at the corners, at Capt. John Warner's.



WARAUMAUG'S MONUMENT, NEW MILFORD. (*See page 221.*)

In 1733 the settlement began at what is called the Iron Works in Brookfield.

The settlers more generally preferred to locate on the hills, and hence the plain was left very much to the occupancy of the inhabitants of the town for meadow lands, until about 1740, when the settlers began to increase more rapidly on the adjoining hills, and gradually on the plains.

Still River Neck, or the elevated land between the lower part of Still River and the Housatonic River, was taken up quite early after the Iron Works were commenced in 1733, and next followed Wood Creek Hill, called afterwards Beers' Hill, and more recently Carman's Hill. The elevated land called Still River Neck included what was called Punkin Hill, Great Buck Hill, and Prospect Hill, and some considerable portion of this ridge was called for many years Long Meadow, and is still known by that name. At the foot of Punkin Hill, on the west side, Lazarus Ruggles settled about 1755, and afterwards he erected the Iron Works at the falls in Lanesville. In 1757 Samuel Brownson, Jr., seems to have owned the mill at Lanesville, perhaps a saw-mill only, which had been built by John Griswold, Sen., in 1717, or he may have built one there himself.

In 1769 a school district was organized in that vicinity, including, probably, all families on the east side of the plain, who were very few, perhaps none but Lazarus Ruggles, but compassing quite a number on the east side of the Housatonic River.

"Voted, that there shall be a district for a school, beginning at Lazarus Ruggles', including him; then cross the river, taking in Ebenezer Hotchkiss and his sons, and Lemuel Bostwick, Isaac Bostwick, Richard Bristol, Josiah Smith, Jr., Ezra Merchant, John Oviatt, John Wilkinson, Noah Brownson, Eunice Clark, Joseph Bostwick, Lewis Wilkinson, Abel Gillett, Abraham Smith, Caleb Terrill, Jr."

Several families had been residing on the road from Lanesville to Wood Creek meadows, before 1760, at which time Silas Hill purchased the farm of John Prindle, who had been residing there near his brother Samuel some years.

Capt. Lazarus Ruggles, son of Capt. Joseph, was born in 1730, and became an influential farmer about 1760. He resided a time after his marriage at the Iron Works in Brookfield,

but purchased the Orange Warner farm in Still River Neck, where he afterwards resided, and which farm is still known by his name. In 1775 Capt. Ruggles bought of John Buck, for £170, about fifty acres of land at Still River Falls—north side—now Lanesville, with a dwelling-house and barn, and on this land he erected Iron Works soon after. In January, 1783, he farm-rented these, with nine acres of land, consisting of the "Iron Works, two coal houses, a saw mill, and blacksmith shop," to Richard Fairman, Esqr., and Eli Dunning, both of Newtown, for the term of 999 years, on condition that a gristmill should not be erected on these premises, and if it should be, the damages to be recovered by him should be £2,000; and Mr. Ruggles was not to build a gristmill on the same stream under a like penalty. The object in these bonds seems to have been to secure a monopoly of gristmill work at the Little Falls on the Housatonic, where he had built, or did build soon after that time, a gristmill.

Capt. Lazarus Ruggles obtained from his farm and Iron Works a comfortable, but not a sumptuous subsistence for himself, wife, and thirteen children, and enough to give his children such an education and cultivation as to place them in the first rank in society and the enterprises of the times, so that but few families of the town have distinguished themselves more in public positions and social life than his. The members of this family were distinguished for their helpfulness toward each other; all the children growing to years of maturity except the second, a daughter, who died young. Mr. Ruggles died in 1797, aged 66 years, at which time his daughter Hannah was 17 years of age, she being one of the most beautiful young ladies of whom the town could ever boast. His son David died when about 20 years of age, a prisoner in the British army on Long Island in the Revolution. Philo Ruggles was the son next to David, and he was 32 years of age when his father died, and he became a lawyer of prominence, first in New Milford, then in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and afterwards in New York City.

Capt. Joseph Ruggles, an elder brother of Lazarus, was also a prominent citizen, a large land-holder, and an energetic business man. In May, 1787, he purchased of Eli Dunning half of the Iron Works at Lanesville, and in May, 1789, he

bought of Reuben Booth half of the mill property at Little Falls. This consisted of a "gristmill, and a saw-mill, and dam, and bolting [works], clothes-mill irons, casks, measures, &c., belonging to both mills." This property Reuben Booth purchased of Lazarus Ruggles the day before he sold the half to Joseph Ruggles, and the partnership continued ten years, until Joseph Ruggles sold his half to Jared Lane, and Mr. Booth died one year later. Capt. Joseph Ruggles died in 1802, aged 71 years.

Jared Lane was born in 1745, and married in New Milford Aphia, daughter of Lazarus Ruggles, in 1786. One tradition says he was born in England, another that he was nephew to Partridge Thatcher, and if so was probably from Lebanon, Ct.

In 1787, one year after his marriage, he is said, in a deed, to have been of Sheffield, Mass., when he took a mortgage of Abel Weller on land near the Indian field, which land came into his possession a few years later. In 1789, he is said in a deed to be of Sharon, when he bought of John Carpenter land and a dwelling-house in New Milford for £190. The same year he purchased of his father-in-law Lazarus Ruggles fifty acres of land with a dwelling-house, "in Still River Neck," which was in earlier times a part of the Orange Warner farm; and is still known as the Jared Lane homestead. He was successful in farming and became an influential citizen, being a representative several terms in succession.

He introduced, it is said, the Lombardy poplar trees as an ornamental shade tree; had a nursery to raise them for himself and for sale to the people of the town. Mr. William Wanzer tells the story of giving two young apple-trees for one poplar tree, and imagines now that he paid dear for his tree. At one time Mr. Lane's farm had a row of poplars round it, and a picturesque appearance they must have exhibited when seen from Wood Creek Hill. Between 1800 and 1820, the poplars spread over the town in great profusion, and they are still seen occasionally, so poorly clad with leaves as to be a disgrace to all other trees, for the trees of New Milford, as well as the people, are prone to the wearing of an elegant outfit of magnificent apparel. The splendor of this dark foliage contrasted with the lighter shades of the variegated fields of grass and grain, as seen from

the top of Mount Tom, Town Hill, Carman's Hill, Guarding Mountain, Great Hill, or many other points of elevated observation, is scarcely surpassed by that of any other town in the state of Connecticut.

The old Lombardy poplars have passed away from the Lane homestead, as have also the once well-known occupants of that estate ; but two rows of grand maples, in the strength of vigorous and luxurious growth, approaching the zenith of age, now adorn both sides of the ancient highway passing the renewed mansion which is still in the possession of the heirs of Jared Lane and Lazarus Ruggles. Long may they spread their branches to wave a welcome to the succeeding descendants of Doct. Amaziah Wright and the United States Senator, the Hon. Elijah Boardman. The voice of the soft summer breeze, waving the spreading branches of these new trees in the place of the old, whispers in the silent moonlight, the never-ending story, "all things pass away, and all things are made new." Jared Lane had two daughters and one son ; one of these, Maria Aphia, born in 1787, grew to be a noted young lady, sustaining the high honor of the old Ruggles homestead for elegance of personal appearance and cultivation, and when Doct. Amaziah Wright, from Lebanon, Ct., came to this town, the young lady's graces pleased him so well, that he sought and won her as his bride in 1809. They removed to Poughkeepsie, and in a few years to New York city, where the doctor was successfully engaged in his profession until just before the close of his life, when he came to the old Lane homestead as a relief from business life, where he soon after died.

Anne Ayre Lane, the other daughter of Jared, married a lawyer of Poughkeepsie, who was afterwards noted in fame as Judge Hiram Paine Hunt of Troy, N. Y. He was in Congress from 1835 to 1843, and afterwards was judge of the United States Circuit Court of N. Y.

William Jared Lane, son of Jared, born in 1789, studied law in early life ; possessed fine reasoning faculties and great cultivation of taste, especially in the fine arts. He was cashier of the Fulton Bank of New York city many years, holding a very high standing among the business men of that city. A few of his last years he spent in New Milford, where he died. His son, Thaddeus H. Lane, born in 1821, held office sometime in the

Fulton Bank ; then held office some years in the New York courts, but returned to New Milford, where he died. Susan Maria Lane, daughter of William J., married Col. Milton Cogswell of the U. S. Army. He graduated at West Point Academy; served there as professor; served in the late war and was taken prisoner at Ball's Bluffs and remained in Richmond some time. He was for a brief period, between superior officers, commandant at Governor's Island, N. Y., in 1865, and in 1869 he commanded at Charlestown, S. C., as military governor. He held office under President Hayes at the Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., from 1877 to 1881, where he still remains.

A perusal of the genealogy of this family reveals the fact that they have occupied socially, professionally, and officially a very remarkably high position, and quite many of its members have enjoyed a most brilliant life career.

There was cherished in the home of Lazarus Ruggles another daughter who became celebrated for her beauty and loveliness and the high position of her family. This was Hannah, the youngest child, born in 1780, and reared on the old farmer's homestead.

About 1790, New Milford became famous for the elegance of its social parties, and the attractions of its many well-cultivated young people. The law-school of Judge Reeve of Litchfield took particular notice of this fact, for Reynolds Marvin, Esqr., one of the professors in that far-famed institution, won as his bride Ruth Welch, the accomplished daughter of the wealthy Paul Welch, Esqr., of New Milford, some years before, and the social relations between Litchfield and New Milford were very cordial. About the year 1795, there was a student in that law-school who came to New Milford with a company of young people to attend a ball, where he met the youngest daughter of Jared Lane, whom he thought the most beautiful and charming young lady he had ever seen, the consequences of which were that he, Samuel Hawkins, and Hannah Lane were married some few years later. Samuel Hawkins is said to have possessed a remarkably elegant personal presence and brilliant intellectual qualities. Tradition says he was born in England ; came to America when four years of age ; was stolen by the Indians and retained by them for a time, who, being charmed with his fair features and golden curls,

they named him the "Golden Lily," and were very kind to him, treating him as a little king, until he was returned to his home. Mr. Hawkins and his young bride settled in New York, where great favor was bestowed upon them by the elegant society of that growing city. In the war of 1812, he received the appointment of colonel, and became a great favorite in the army; and afterwards as a politician resided in Washington, D. C., where his wife became celebrated as the belle, or most beautiful woman of that city, and where he himself established a wide political influence, and was the personal friend of Gen. Andrew Jackson, but did not live to see him president of the United States, in 1828. Mr. Hawkins died, leaving a widow and five children. The subsequent career of his sons was brilliant, far beyond the attainments of ordinary mortals. Such are but a few of the outlines of the history of one of the descendants of one of the early families of the town of New Milford.

Silas Hill, born in Massachusetts, came to New Fairfield; enlisted in the French war; served about one year, and in 1760 purchased of John Prindle a farm and dwelling-house on Wood Creek road, where Mr. Charles Hatch now resides, and made himself known during thirty years as one of the most energetic farmers of that part of the town. He was a little eccentric; resolute, even to roughness; enterprising to his own cost. He was engaged very much during twenty years in buying and selling land, there being, perhaps, not over a half dozen men in the town in his day who bought and sold more acres than he. He became more celebrated by a little circumstance than for all the hard work he did in forty years. There was a little brook running from near his dwelling, across the plain, to Still River, and on it he erected a small saw-mill for his own convenience; but when the mill was built he could not raise the water to a sufficient height to obtain fall enough to make the mill go. This failure of the mill set all the poets at work, and, after a great amount of grinding out of poetry, the following lines were ordained for the age of Methuselah:

"Silas Hill built a mill
On Pinchgut sandy plain;
There was no water in a mile and a quarter
Except there came a rain,
A chipping squirrel in his cheeks
Could carry corn enough to grind six weeks."

This mill was located on Three Mile Brook, and this poetry was not exactly truthful, since there was abundance of water for two or three months in the year to carry an ordinary mill, the only difficulty being that it was on a level plain, and hence no fall to secure power.

Mr. Hill was not lacking in shrewdness in business transactions and the saving of money, while he was also quite generous when the spirit came upon him. Having traded horses on Sunday with Gaius Norton, both were brought before the court for Sabbath breaking, when Mr. Norton, being called upon to plead, said, "Not guilty," meaning that he felt no guilt for what he had done. The court therefore proceeded to try him, and fined him with a large amount of cost. Mr. Hill, seeing how the matter went with Norton, when they called on him to plead, said: "Guilty, guilty, guilty as the devil." Upon which the court announced only the small amount of fine for breaking the Sabbath, without any costs, which was very gratifying to Mr. Hill.

When he built his mill-pond, he said he would eat the first thing that should be caught in the pond, supposing it would be some kind of fish; but the first thing was a water-snake, and, true to his word, he had a piece cooked, and he ate some of it; but the thoughts of what kind of fish it was deranged his appetite so that he ate very little, yet that little made him fearfully sick, and he was made sensible that it was a fortunate thing that his appetite failed so soon.

Nicholas Wanzer a little time before 1800, then of New Fairfield, erected the frame of a grist-mill, but found that a proper dam, when constructed, would overflow a large amount of meadow-land, which he did not like to lose; therefore he took down his frame, brought it to New Milford, and, in connection with Daniel Sherwood, erected it at the Great Falls, on the Housatonic River.

It has been supposed that Mr. Wanzer's mill was the first erected at the Great Falls; but the records show that Capt. Isaac Bostwick had a grist-mill there about twenty years before; which, when he lost his property by being county tax collector, immediately after the Revolutionary War, fell into the hands of the town of New Milford, and was afterwards sold to Reuben Booth and Reuben Bostwick (son of Capt. Isaac). Silas Hill

bought the Reuben Bostwick half of this property in 1792, and gave it to his son, Silas Hill, Jr., in 1794, it consisting of a grist-mill, dwelling house, barn, and nineteen acres of land, lying between Still River and the Housatonic River. This property was rented some years by Daniel and Reuben Sherwood.

It is said that Cornelius McMahon was the engineer who blasted out the channel in the bed rock of the river, at the west end of the falls, for the accommodation of the mill,—the channel which has been much observed as long as any person remembers, but which by recent operations has disappeared.

Nicholas Wanzer held an important place at Lanesville in business transactions for a number of years. His store was at the four corners now occupied as a dwelling by Doct. Knowles.

Daniel Sherwood engaged with Nicholas Wanzer in the grist-mill at the Great Falls. It being a part of the business to ship grains and corn-meal to distant ports, and having had good success, he ventured to load a ship at Bridgeport, in connection with a Mr. Hubbell, with wheat, and send it to the West Indies, where the exchange was made for a full cargo of rum and molasses. Just before the ship arrived at the port of New York, Mr. Hubbell made a consignment of the whole cargo, worth nearly \$100,000, to his creditors, whereby Mr. Sherwood lost a large part of his property, and, although he had a comfortable living afterwards, yet he never recovered his independent fortune lost by the infamous Hubbell.

Ezra Ruggles, son of Lazarus, Sen., born in 1771, built a house at Lanesville, near the mills, in 1812, and kept a store there for many years. He was a good man, well known, and much liked, and died in 1838, in his sixty-eighth year, not married. How it should happen that a young man, with six so unusually attractive sisters, should never marry is a mystery, unless it was that he feared he should never find their equal. He possessed a fund of good-natured wit and humor, which was also characteristic of the whole family, and his store was the place for the full display of amusing anecdote and conversation "in ye olden times."

There was a store kept at this place before Ezra Ruggles built his. It was owned by Richard Fairman and Luther Dunning. Mr. Fairman sold his half to Silas Hill in 1789,—the half of the goods, the store, and the land for £15, lawful money.

Doct. Dobson Wheeler resided on the Wood Creek road, near Silas Hill's home, and pursued his professional life and that of a farmer for quite a number of years. He married the widow of Nathan Talcott, and had several children ; one of them, Mary, married Cornelius McMahon, the engineer miner.

Cornelius McMahon is said to have come from New Jersey to New Milford as one accustomed to work in silver and copper mines. He married Mary, daughter of Dobson Wheeler, and purchased his first land in New Milford Nov. 7, 1781, on Wood Creek Hill. He seems to have settled half a mile north of Lanesville four corners, on the north side of Two Mile Brook, Danbury road. He purchased land to the amount of several hundred pounds money, and became a successful farmer. He was employed to blast out the channel in the rock at Great Falls for the first grist-mill erected there, and also to blast a tunnel from Green Pond for an outlet to secure water to run a mill in Sherman. In one of these pieces of work he unfortunately injured one of his arms by the premature explosion of a blast, which caused the loss, in a great measure, of the use of his arm. Doct. Dobson Wheeler took him to his house, and there treated his arm so skillfully that he recovered very much the use of his hand and arm, and then he married the doctor's daughter.

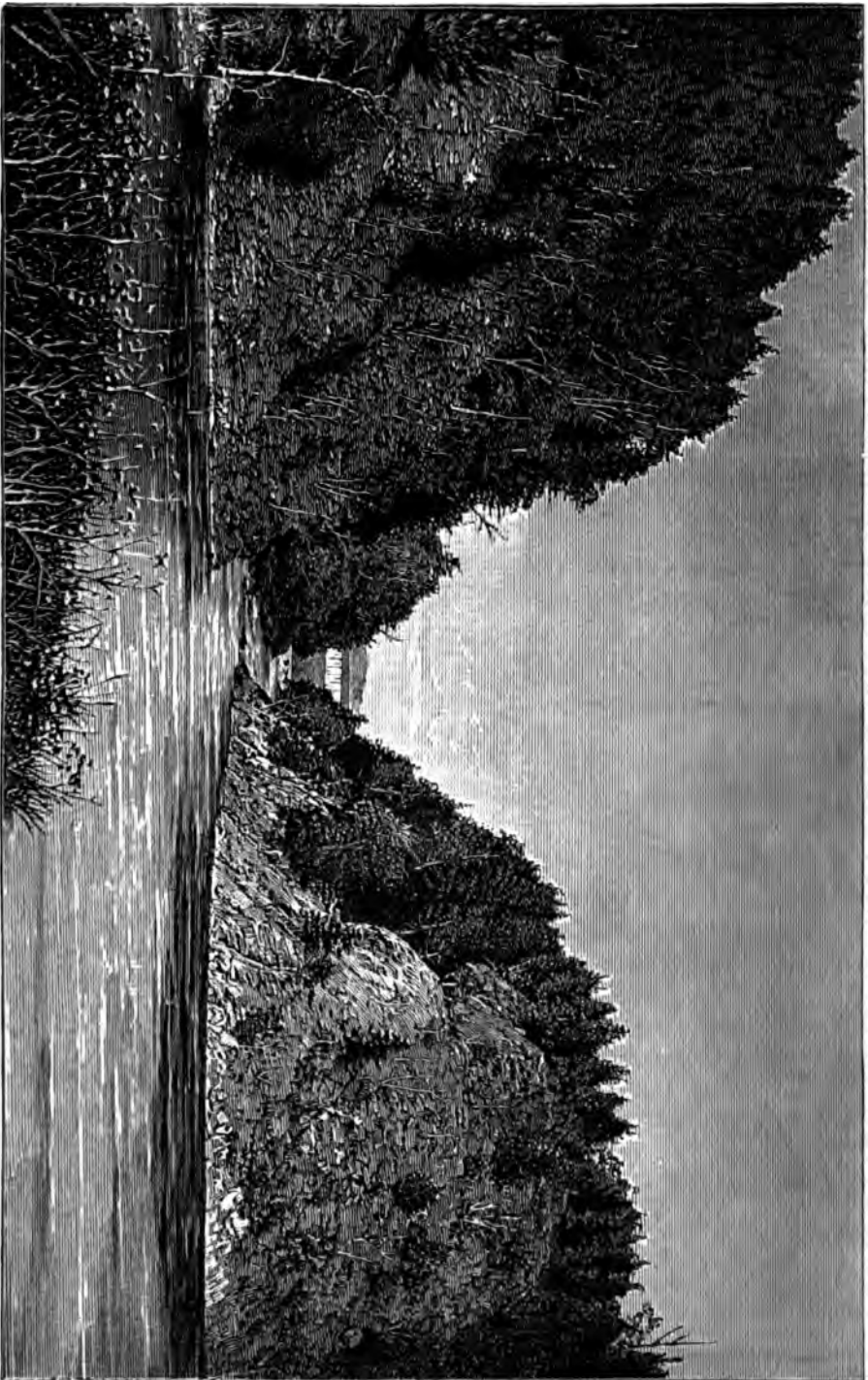
A little circumstance occurred with Mr. McMahon, which is amusing, although a little disastrous to him. He had a place where he salted his sheep on a rock, which rock he proposed to remove, and after drilling a hole in it and putting in the powder he arranged for the blast. Just as he went to the rock and stooped over to light the fuse, the sheep saw him, and expecting to find salt they all ran for the rock ; and in great consternation he exerted himself to frighten them away, but they seemed the more determined to get some salt and drove upon the rock, all in a cluster. Having stayed as long as he dared he cried out : shew, shew, you devils, and ran with all his strength to save himself, when, away went the sheep, sky high. On viewing the remnants he remarked pitifully to the poor things : " I told you so ; why didn't you mind ? "

Falls Mountain and the Great Falls.

A little over half-a-mile east of Lanesville are the Great Falls and Falls Mountain. The former of these is celebrated as the place where the Indians caught lamprey-eels, and the latter as affording the high cliff, called Lover's Leap, and the monument to Waraumaug's grave. These natural wonders are more fully described in Chapter VIII, of the Indian History published by the author of this book. The mountain is not very high, but the river has cut a gorge through the mountain, a distance of a quarter of a mile or more, leaving the rock on each side abrupt, sometimes overhanging the water. At the lower end of the gorge the rock is the highest, and on the east side it is called Lover's Leap. The legend is that the daughter of the Indian Chief became attached to a young white man and he to her, and the match not being acceptable to the old Chief, the lovers repaired to this rock, and in each others' arms threw themselves off the point of rocks into the river, and from this came the name, Lover's Leap. The place is romantic and beautiful, but so far as the legend is concerned, it is almost impossible to have occurred after the white people came into the country without having left more recognizable traces of its truthfulness.

The falls afford a wild-appearing rush of waters, but the hand of art is diligently at work erecting a large manufactory on the west side, on the site of the old grist-mill, and the bustle of city life is likely soon to begin there, on the site, perhaps, of the celebrated tent-palace of the renowned Chief Waraumaug.

Just below Falls Mountain at the Cove, on the west side of the Housatonic River was located the Fishing Place, which consisted of a narrow strip of land with the right to catch fish at that place. It was first leased for the purpose, on the 11th of August, 1773, by Benjamin Hawley, for 999 years, to Seth Lacey, John Fairchild, Joseph Stevens, Stephen Mead of New Fairfield, and James Benedict, Isaac Barnum, Daniel Jackson, Amos Northrop, Ephraim Jackson, and David Jackson, Jr., of Newtown, and David Wakelee, Levi Merwin, and Clement Maxfield of New Milford, upon the condition that they should deliver to him—the said Benjamin Hawley—and his heirs, every thirteenth fish they or their heirs should catch at that place. This amount of rent must have been, at times, quite burdensome, for



FALLS MOUNTAIN, OR LOVERS' LEAP, NEW MILFORD. (See page 221.)

it is recorded that Sherman Boardman said he had known the finest shad sold, as many as any one desired, at one penny each ; and it is also said that fish were often given away to any persons who would take them away.

The shares of the Fishing Place were quite a stock in the market at New Milford for about 100 years—even to the building of the great dam at Birmingham across the Housatonic river.

This Fishing Place was different from the fishing for Lamprey-eels at the Great Falls, just above Falls Mountain. Fishing for the eels was done at night by torch light, with long poles upon the end of which were iron hooks. The eels would cling to the rocks just under the sheet of water which flowed over the falls, and with these hooks the eels were drawn or thrown out upon the dry rocks. The parties took their turns—Indians and all—according to certain rules,—and continue the work all night, from week to week, in the season for the eels. Often, in consequence of the rum bottle, there were some rough times, the noise of which was heard on the night air one and two miles.

Quaker Meeting-House at Lanesville.

Silas Hill sold to Nicholas Wanzer, Oct. 3, 1788, "one acre of land to set a Meeting-House on; and for a Burying Ground and other conveniences belonging thereto, and for no private use." This land was that on which the Quaker Meeting-House at Lanesville now stands, and that which is occupied by the Burying-place adjoining that Meeting-House.

The Quaker Meeting-House was removed not long after this deed was given, from the first site near the old burying-place, and erected on this land. Mr. Griswold's sermon says it was removed before 1801, and therefore it is probable it was accomplished soon after the deed was given. That house was completed and occupied some years, and then another was built on the same site, probably in or about 1805, which is still standing, but is not often used.

When this meeting-house was raised tradition says, the number of members of the society being small, it was feared there would not be men enough to put up the frame, and hence the news was circulated that Ezra Noble would be present in a one-horse wagon. This drew a large number of people, for

not only was it the first wagon of the kind introduced into the town, but many declared that a wagon could not be made light enough to bear a load and at the same time strong enough to be drawn by one horse. Two-horse wagons had been introduced about twenty years before.

It has been some years since regular preparative meetings were held in this society. A short time since an effort was made to re-establish them but it did not succeed. Previous to that Mr. William Wanzer's family had continued for some time an interesting Sunday-school, but when other officers were appointed, the whole management was so changed that the arrangement soon came to an end.

The monthly meeting held at Oblong in the eighth month, 1777, gave permission for a preparative meeting to be held in New Milford, which is thought to have been the first liberty of the kind, and hence was the date of the real organization of the Quaker Meeting in this town.

Among the names found of persons appointed to attend the monthly meeting at Oblong (Quaker Hill) from this preparative meeting are these: Joseph Ferris, Robert Norton, Moses Powell.

"Hannah Wheeler informs this meeting that she has a desire to go on a religious visit as far as Westfield and Canaan.

"Aaron Benedict, Stephen Osborn, Nicholas Wanzer and John Drinkwater, to attend monthly meetings.

"The following notice of marriage was given eighth of first month, 1778: John Drinkwater informs this meeting that he has a desire to lay his intention of marriage with Abigail Wanzer before the next monthly meeting, consent of the young man's mother having been produced here."

"This meeting being desirous that Lot Tripp, Jr., be recommended to the meeting of ministers and elders as a minister, recommends it to the monthly meeting's consideration."

Samuel Walker was appointed to attend the monthly meeting.

"Sixth of the fifth month, 1779. This meeting has been informed that Miriam Norton is in want of some assistance, and we are of the mind that she stands recorded as a member, which is recommended to the consideration of the next monthly meeting." Bless the Quakers, they did as a church take care of their poor.

"This meeting appoints Lot Tripp, Jr., Aaron Benedict, Robert Norton, and Nicholas Wanzer, to make inquiry into the number of books belonging to this meeting, and produce an account thereof when done; and also to write the names of Lot Tripp, Jr., and Nicholas Wanzer in the books, they being appointed with Robert Norton to have the care of them." The number of books given in the report of the committee was twenty-nine, and the report stated that twenty-eight books were given to this meeting by Benjamin Ferriss of Wilmington, Del., and that twenty of them were found still preserved.

"Thirteenth of first month, 1780. A complaint came to this meeting by one of the overseers, against Moses Wanzer for marrying out of the meeting of Friends after having been cautioned, which recommendeth to the monthly meeting."

"Hannah Wheeler (she that was daughter of Zachariah Ferriss, and widow of Nathan Talcott) laid a concern before this meeting that she has on her mind to pay a religious visit to New Haven with some adjacent towns in Connecticut, which is recommended to the monthly meeting." This woman is reported to have been quite an efficient, successful preacher.

"Third of the first month, 1782, William Parke and Nicholas Wanzer are appointed to attend the monthly meeting." William Parke removed to Saratoga, N. Y.

Ebenezer Wanzer's name and that of William Knowles occur soon after as delegates to the monthly meeting.

The members of this preparative meeting in New Milford, was continually reduced from 1780, for forty years by emigration—they applying for and receiving certificates of commendation to other Meetings.

It is surprising also to learn the amounts contributed by this small society, almost monthly, for the building of Quaker Meeting-houses, at Stamford, Saratoga, New York City, and many other places. The Friends' school established at the Nine Partners before 1800, received generous aid from this meeting.

The families that have been most influential in this society in New Milford were those of Ferriss and Wanzer. Benjamin Ferriss and David Ferriss and their sister Hannah Ferriss (Talcott) Wheeler, were preachers of considerable note. Nicholas Wanzer and Moses Wanzer were the strong reliable men in this

society many years ; and last but not least is the family of William Wanzer, still residing in the town—a family well known, not only for its energy and fidelity of character, but also for its education and enterprise. Mr. Wanzer's wife was Hannah Ferriss, and in her the credit of the name is not diminished as to character or the grace of improvement of talents in the public services.

The Quaker Burying-ground at Lanesville is adjoining the Meeting-house lot, on the north side, and was included in the deed given by Silas Hill in 1788, for which Nicholas Wanzer paid £32, lawful money. Among other sentiments entertained in earlier years by the Friends, was that of the impropriety of erecting grave stones at the tombs of the dead ; and hence so many graves in the old burying-place as well as in this one to which there are no gravestones.

But why should not the place of the dead be made beautiful in sweetly-cherished memory of those who have departed. The last of all that is to be forgotten on earth is father and mother, and kindred dead.

The following are the inscriptions in the Quaker Burying-ground at Lanesville.

The perpendicular lines indicate the end of the lines on the gravestones, and take the place of punctuation marks.

Inscriptions.

FANNY L | wife of | Harvey B Barter | died | Apr 19, 1866 | Æ 37 yrs 1 mo & 11 Ds.	MARY CLUXTON | died | 12 mo 6th 1842 | aged 66 yrs.
LUCY M | wife of | Noah Bartram | Died —April 20, 1872 | æ 78 yrs.	HORATIO EGGLESTON | died | June 11, 1853 | Æ 62.
In | memory of |	TAMAR | His wife | died | Oct. 26, 1873 | Æ 80.
GEORGE WASHINGTON | son of Rufus & | Mabel Beeman | who died | Oct. 11, 1846 | aged 2 yrs 3 mo | & 22 ds.	We miss thee.
J A BEEMAN | Co H | 2d Conn | H A.	CARRIE | Daughter of | Elvert B & | Abby Evitts | Died | Sep 16, 1872 | aged 3 mo | & 6 Ds.
CYNTHIA | wife of M Briggs | departed this life | 13th of 3d mo 1869 | Æ 72 yrs.	CHARLES FORD | died | May 15, 1874 | Aged 72.
MARIA A | daughter of | Miles & | Phebe Bronson | died | Oct 26, 1852 | Æ 18 yrs.	HANNAH | wife of | Charles Ford | died | Dec 4, 1856 | Æ 45.
Our Bertie.	CHARLES A their son | died | Sept 6, 1855 | Æ 4 mo.
BERTHA E | daughter of | Frank W & | Harriett E Chase | died | June 21, 1878 | Æ 7 yr 3 mo & 21 ds.	MARTHA T FORD | died | Dec 23, 1862 | Æ 20.
EDWIN | son of | Dennis & | Julia Ann Cosier | Died | May 28, 1848 | aged 9 mo's.	AARON N FORD | died | at Brashuer City L A | May 22, 1863 | Æ 26 | A mem- ber of Co D | 28 Regt C V.
	CHARLES | FREEMAN | died | July 23, 1847 | Æ 56.

ELIZABETH | daughter of | Henry C & | Sally Freeman | died | Dec 13, 1873 | aged 6 years | & 10 mos.

LEWIS HAVILAND | died 8th mo 29th 1856 | aged 65 y'rs 10 mo | & 21 d's.

MERCY HAVILAND | died 7th mo 26th 1855 | aged 61 y'rs | & 1 day.

PHEBE HAVILAND | died 1st mo 14th 1827 | Aged 36 yrs 3 mo & 28 d's.

EBENEZER HILL | died Aug 15, 1856 | Aged 78.

PHILOTHETA | wife of | Ebenezer Hill | died | June 21, 1863 | Aged 82.

In memory of |

SARAH wife of Silas | Hill who departed | This life April the 3d 1792 in the 56th year of her Age.

In memory of |

SILAS HILL who | departed this life Oct | 1st, 1798, in the 66 year | of his age.

BENJAMIN HATHAWAY | died 10th mo 1st 1855 | aged 21 y'rs.

WILLIS S HARTWELL | died | Oct 23, 1880 | Aged 16 yrs 10 mo | & 17 Ds.

And we all do fade as a leaf.

IRA S HOYT born into the | Spirit world | Nov 18, 1857 | aged 29 yrs.

PHEBE A | wife of | Ira S Hoyt | died | Dec 22, 1854 | aged 25 y'rs | & 20 d's.

MARY A | wife of | Lyman Jennings | died | Sept 5, 1877 | Aged 44.

CARRIE V | Daughter of | Lyman & | Mary Ann Jennings | Died | April 13, 1868 | Æ 1 y'r & 10 d's.

BETSEY E | wife of | Franklin Jewel | died | May 16 1851 | Æt 22 yrs 1 mo | & 15 ds.

Farewell dear friends my memory keep
While in deaths arms my body sleeps
Short was my stay with you below
Sooner or later all must go.

CLARRY | wife of | Peter Jewel | died | Oct 29, 1851 | Æ 54 yrs 4 mo | & 13 ds.

ELIZA JANE | daughter of | Peter & | Clarissa Jewel | died | May 7, 1848 | aged 20 yrs.

FRANKLIN JEWEL | Died | June 27, 1863 | æ 41.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken | away,
blessed be the name of the Lord.

CAROLINE A | Wife of | Charles D Sherwood | Died | Nov 24, 1855 | aged 21 y'rs.

HANNAH | widow of | Richard Jewell and wife of Charles Osburne | Died | Mar 31, 1869 | Æ 46 y'rs.

RICHARD JEWEL | Died | Oct. 10th, 1862 | æt 37.

My children dear weep not for me,
When in this yard my grave you see;
My life was short and blest was he
Who called me to Eternity.

CASSIUS L | Son of | Geo H & | Eliza Knowles | Died | Oct 2, 1857 | Æ 3 mo & 12 D's.

My babe is cradled in the tomb
Like some fair blossom torn away
Before its perfect bloom.

CASSIUS N | son of | John & | Drusilla Knowles | died Aug 10, 1850 | aged 3 y'rs | & 10 d's.

JOHN KNOWLES | died | Mar 12, 1876 | Aged 74.

WILLIAM H | son of | John & Drusilla | Knowles | died | Aug 21st, 1871 | Aged 28 years.

ABIGAIL wife of | Joseph Marsh | & daughter of | Samuel Waldo | Died | Jan 28, 1793 | in the 29 year | of her age.

ABIGAIL E wife of | Allen Marsh | Died Mar 15, 1875 | æ 78.

Great, O! great the gain
On the blessed shore
Free from every pain
Happy evermore.

ALLEN MARSH | Died | March 21, 1863 | æ 65 y'rs & 9 mo.

The pure in heart their God shall see,
Prepare for death and follow me.
Oh! Jesus purify each heart
That we may meet no more to part.

CAROLINE | wife of | Oliver C. Marsh | died | Dec 28, 1880 | Aged 65 yrs | 8 Mo & 14 | Ds.

And there shall be no night there.

CHARLES H MARSH | Died | Jan 25, 1867 | Æt 27.

DEBORAH wife of | Joseph Marsh | & daughter of | Samuel Waldo | died | Jan 30, 1843 | in the 81 year | of her age.

In | Memory of |

GEORGE M MARSH | who Died | April 25, 1858, aged 69 y'rs.

JOSEPH MARSH | died | Dec 14, 1829 | in the 76 year | of his age.

LUCENA | daughter of | Holman & | Lucy Marsh | died Jan 15, 1830 | aged 6 years | & 6 mo.

OLIVER T MARSH | son of | Allen Marsh | died | Mar 24, 1843 | aged 4 years.

OLIVER T | son of | Allen & | Abigail Marsh | Died | Mar 24, 1843 | aged 4 y'rs.

FLORA M | daughter of | A & A A Mur-
phy | Died | June 4, 1867 | \AA 2 mo &
4 d's.

IDA F | daughter of | Alfred & | Adelia A
Murphy, Died | May 1, 1866 | \AA 4 y's
4 mo & 10 d.

Then go dear one we give thee up,
Farewell, upon the other shore
We'll meet again, O blessed hope,
We'll meet again to part no more.

CHARLOTTE LEACH | died | 9th mo 19th
1846 | \AA 74 yrs.

IRA LEACH | son of | William & | Char-
lotte Leach | died | 5 mo 7, 1857 | aged
49 yrs.

WILLIAM LEACH | died | 11th mo 20th
1860 | \AA 89 yrs.

ABIGAIL T | wife of | Gaylord Odell |
Died | April 16, 1859 | aged 39 y'rs.

An infant | son of | Charles & | Jane Or-
ton | Died | March 9, 1868 | \AA 11
m's.

JULIA ANN | daughter of | Gaylord & |
Jennet Odell | Died | Aug 25, 1851 | \AA
6 y'r & 7 mo.

Thus fades the opening bud of hope
Which death's cold hand has riven,
The silver cord of life is broke
The spirit's fled to Heaven.

ANNA A | daughter of | John & | Laura
Osborn | died | Jan. 5, 1815 | \AA 1 Mo
& 9 Ds.

DAVID OSBORN | departed this life | 23d
of 4th Mo 1858 | \AA 62 yrs & 9 mo.

FREELOVE | Child of | John & | Laura
Osborn | died | Feb 27, 1825 | \AA 15
Ds.

HANNAH | daughter of | Stephen & |
Sarah Osborn | died | Mar 1, 1854 |
aged 76 yrs.

HEZIBETH | wife of | David Osborn |
departed this life | 9th of 4th mo 1858
| \AA 63 yrs & 6 mo.

JOHN OSBORN | departed this life | 16th
of 6th Mo 1855 | aged 6 | yrs & 6 mo.

ROYAL G | son of | John & Laura Osborn
| died | May 29, 1821 | \AA 3 yrs.

SARAH | widow of | Stephen Osborn |
departed this life | 11 mo 24th 1833 |
| Aged 84.

STEPHEN OSBORN | departed this life |
3d mo 4th 1825 | Aged 76.

ELLA G | daughter of | Egbert & | Betsey
Pepper | Died | March 11, 1857 | aged
2 yrs 3 mo | & 9 d's.

Here lies a rose, a budding rose,
Blasted before its bloom,
Whose innocence did sweets disclose
Beyond that flower's perfume.

To those who for her loss are grieved
This consolation given
She's from a world of woe relieved
And blooms a rose in Heaven.

FREDDIE C | Son of | Egbert & | Betsey
Pepper | Died | Aug 26, 1860 | \AA 1 y'r
2 mo & 17 d's.

'We loved him yes no tongue can tell
How much we loved him nor how well
But we do hope God loved him best
And took him home with him to rest.

NATHANIEL RIGBY | Died | Dec. 25,
1859 | \AA 58 y's 5 mo | & 15 d's.

DAVID M ROOTS | Died | April 18, 1868
| \AA 30.

Weary through this dark vale we stray
With broken hearts and tearful eyes;
Yet the good Shepherd leads the way
And pastures green before us rise.

In memory of |

JUDSON | son of Ira & | Sally A Root |
who died | Oct 18, 1849 | aged 18 yrs 3
mo | & 5 ds.

SALLY ROOT | died | Jan 30, 1859 | aged
66.

CHARLES H | Son of | Charles C & Sarah
A | Sabin | Died | May 5, 1875 | aged
38.

PHILATHETA L | Daughter of | Charles
| C & Sarah A | Sabin | Died | July 1,
1861 | aged 19.

She has gone to her grave when our hopes were the
strongest,
For the sun of her beauty shed light o'er the scene,
Oh! we mourn not the blossoms that linger the
longest,

Like those that decay while their branches are
green.

How brief is the time since her voice was the clear-
est,

Her laughter the loudest amid the gay throng,
But the hand of consumption hath seized on our
dearest,

And sealed are her bright eyes and silent her song.

WM FRED B | son of | Charles C & Sarah
A | Sabin | Died | April 24, 1871 |
aged 21.

DANIEL SHERWOOD | Died | August 23,
1871 | Aged 79 years.

E A S—E S—A S.

NANCY M HOYT | wife of | Orange War-
ner | Died | Feb 10, 1874 | \AA 70.

When my father and my mother forsake | me
then the Lord will take me up. Ps. 27. 10.

In | memory of |

DANIEL SHERWOOD | who died | May 24,
1834 | aged 77 years.

HEMAN SHERWOOD | Died | Mar 25,
1857 | \AA 59.

ABIGAIL SHERWOOD | Died | Feb 20th
1873 | aged 76 y'rs & 6 mo.

FANNY | wife of | Daniel Sherwood |
Died | June 30, 1858 | aged 63 y'rs.

POLLY SHERRWOOD | died Aug 17, 1839 |
aged 73 y'rs.

ANNA M | wife of | Henry Shove | &
daughter of | Horatio & Tamour |
Eggleston | died Oct 19, 1871 | aged
33 years.

The Lord giveth, the Lord hath | taken away.
Blessed be the name | of the Lord.

In | memory of |
ABIGAIL | wife of | Daniel Smith | who
died | June 19, 1859 | aged 62 yrs.

LEVI E STUART | Died | July 4, 1875 | æ
37 y'rs & 7 mo.

We part to meet again.

SOPHIA HUNGERFORD | wife of | Edward
Treadwell | died | Dec 9, 1819 | Aged
38 yrs.

I leave them in care of our | heavenly Father.

ELIJAH TURRILL | died | July 27, 1868 |
Æ 55 yrs 4 Mo & 20 Ds.

Wrapt in the shades of death
No more that friendly face I see
Empty, ah! empty every place
Once filled so well by thee.

T H b 1763 | d 1852 A 89.

ABIGAIL | daughter of | John & | Grace
Wanzer | died | 7 mo 3 | day 1809 | Æ
6 yrs 10 mo | & 26 ds.

ABIGAIL | daughter of | Jacob & | Phebe
L Wanzer | died | 7th mo 5th 1833 |
Æ 2 yrs 6 mo.

ANNA WANZER | died 1 mo 6th 1842 |
aged 48 yrs.

ABRAHAM WANZER | Born 4 Mo 12 1793
| died | 6 mo 23 1878 | Æ 85.

BETSEY | wife of | Ebenezer Wanzer |
Died | 5th of 6 mo 1847 | aged 81 y'rs.

BETSEY A WANZER | Died | 8th mo 27th
1849 | Æ 17 y'rs & 9 mo.

CAROLINE E | wife of | Charles H Wan-
zer | died | Sept 14, 1867 | Æ 29 yrs &
10 mo.

CHARLES H WANZER | died | Mar 20
1871 | Æ 36 yrs 11 ms | & 20 Ds.

DAVID WANZER | Died | 11th of 12th mo
1855 | aged 68 y'rs.

EBENEZER WANZER | Died | 24th of 4
mo 1839 | aged 79 yrs.

EBENEZER WANZER | Died | 4th mo 7th
1875 | aged | 75 y'rs 5 mo's | 4 dys.

EDDIE | son of | Charles H & | Caroline
E | Wanzer | died Sept 3, 1863 | aged
9 mo & 15 ds.

ELIZABETH | daughter of | Charles H &
| Caroline E | Wanzer | died | Dec 15,
1867 | aged 4 mo.

FANNY E WARNER | daughter of |
Charles & | Hannah Ford | died | Apr
5, 1859 | Æ 24.

GRACE | Wife of | John Wanzer | died |
7 mo 15 day 1840 | & 4 ds.

HIRAM WANZER | Died | June 3, 1834 |
aged 31 y'rs.

FLORA, wife of | Hiram Wanzer | and
Daughter of | David Leach | Died |
Aug 23, 1829 | aged 29 years.

ITHAMAR | son of | John & | Grace Wan-
zer | died | 8 mo 6 day 1823 | Æ 22 yrs
10 mo | & 23 ds.

IRA WANZER | Died | March 5, 1879 |
aged 82 y'rs & 10 mo.

All is vanity that is not honest and | there is no
solid wisdom but is real piety.

JACOB | son of John & | Grace Wanzer |
died | 7th mo 12th 1841 | Æ 43 yrs 2
mo.

JANE | daughter of | Jacob & | Phebe L
Wanzer | died | 11 mo 19 1860 | Æ 26
yrs & 6 mo.

JOHN WANZER | died | 1 mo 6 da 1839 |
Æ 72 yrs 5 mo & | 23 ds.

LAURA | wife of | Ira Wanzer | Died |
April 30, 1880 | aged 70 y'rs & 6 mo.

LEVI L | son of Hiram & | Flora Wan-
zer | Died | July 24, 1842 | aged 18 y'rs.

MARY | daughter of | Jacob & | Phebe L
Wanzer | died | 10th mo 11th 1856 | Æ
27 yrs 6 mo.

WANZER—AKIN

MOSES, son of Abraham Wanzer and
Lydia Ferriss | Born Nov 10, 1782,
Died Apr 10, 1860.

SARAH, Dau of Benj Akin and Martha
Palmer | Born Oct 3, 1788, Died Oct 2,
1861.

Married Oct 22, 1806 | At Friends Meet-
ing House, Pawling, N Y.

Their children

Nicholas Born Feb 25, 1808, Died Dec 22,
1826.

Phebe Born Sept 3, 1809, Died Apr 7,
1847.

Benjamin Born Mar 16, 1811, Died Apr
4, 1825.

Elizabeth Born July 14, 1813.

Martha Born Feb 14, 1815, Died Sep 17,
1834.

Jane Born Apr 20, 1817, Died Sep 14
1841.

Anna Born Aug 9, 1819.

Sarah Born Mar 24, 1821.

Lydia Born Jan 3, 1823.

Moses Born May 31, 1824.

Margaret Born Mar 3, 1826.

Edward Born Apr 11, 1828.

Mary Born Aug 4, 1829, Died Feb 12, 1840.

Harriet Born Mar 24, 1831, Died Nov 26, 1863.

Martha Born Sep 9, 1835.

Because I live ye shall live also.

PHEBE L | wife of | Jacob Wanzer | &
daughter of | William & | Charlotte
Leach | died | 1st mo 16th 1867 | Æ 61
yrs 7 mo.

WILLIAM L WANZER | died | Third Mo
26 1878 | Aged 56.

A gem is from our household gone
The voice we loved is still
A place is vacant at our home
Which never can be filled.

CHARLES E | son of | Warren C & |
Betsa A Woodruff | Died | Aug 4, 1861
| Æ 1 yr 7 mo | & 20 ds.

In | memory of |

ANN MARIA | daughter of John & | Sarah
Waters | who died | Nov 6, 1845 | aged
9 yrs | 5 mo & 3 ds.

MARY | daughter of | John & | Luia Ann
Waters | died | Aug 11, 1856 | Aged 2
yrs 3 mo | & 16 ds.

MARY | wife of | Philo S Woodin | &
daughter of | William & | Charlotte
Leach | died | 11 mo 30th 1875 | Æ 80
yrs 1 Mo.

In | memory of |

SARAH wife of | John Waters | who de-
parted | this life | July 9, 1841 | Æ 25.

In | memory of |

SARAH A | daughter of | John & | Alura
Ann Waters | who died | Sept 16, 1845
| aged 2 yrs 2 mo & 12 ds.

In | memory of |

THOMAS son of | John & | Sarah Waters
| who died | Apr 21, 1842 | aged 1 yr
10 mo | & 24 ds.

HARRIET | wife of | Rufus Way | Fell
asleep in Jesus | May 24, 1855 | Æ 39.

Sleep on loved one in Jesus sleep
Free from all care and strife
Until the trump of God shall bring
The sleeping saints to life.

SARAH J | wife of | Elijah M Wheeler |
died | May 6th, 1852 | Aged 30 years.

Sleep dearest mother sleep.

MIRA ANN | wife of | Thomas A Welton
| Died | Nov 29, 1880, aged 65 y'rs.

CHAPTER XIX.

THE NORTH END.



REGARDING military matters, as did the ancients, as among the most important interests that could engage the attention of the people, the early settlers arranged their town matters, largely, to harmonize with these interests, and hence in 1743 the town of New Milford was divided into two military companies, by a line extending across its territory from east to west at the meeting-house, which was the first one and stood in the street, on the side of the hill, in the rear of the present residence of Mr. Levi S. Knapp. The town north of this line was called the North End, and that south of it, the South End; but one hundred years later these two military localities, still retaining their military relations, were known by the names of the Up Town and Down Town Companies.

When the new company was organized in 1743, to be constituted on the south side of this line, Nathaniel Bostwick was made Captain of it and James Hine Lieutenant.

When Rev. Daniel Boardman died there were only three dwellings on Aspetuck Hill, on the street directly north from the green in the village, Mr. Boardman's, Benoni Stebbins', and Samuel Adkins', at the North End of the Street. South of Mr. Boardman's, just before reaching Bennitt street, stood the houses of David Noble and Captain Stephen Noble, and in the street, opposite Stephen Noble's, stood the first meeting-house.

What is now called Park Lane was more thickly inhabited at that time—from 1730 to 1750—than any other part of the town. The land on each side of the road that leads from the Cemetery to Park Lane school-house was laid in lots about twenty-one rods wide, successively going north; the home-lot, so called, on the west side of the road, and the ten-acre division, on the east side of the road. There may have been some pieces left between

some of the lots, not surveyed to any one, at first, but the appearance is that except the highways all the land was taken up, as far as Poplar Swamp, which lay just south of the present Park Lane school-house.

The Parsonage land was that where Mr. William D. Black's farm house now stands ; next north of this were laid the lots of Jonathan Buck, Theophilus Baldwin, and John Welch, but the two first soon sold theirs and went further north. Paul Welch's lot was north of John Welch's, but whether it joined or not is not known. Paul Welch built his house and a tannery on his lot and resided on it many years, and then removed to New Milford village. Next north of Paul Welch was Samuel Camp, and next, Samuel Guernsey, who soon sold his place to Job Terrill, who sold it to Amos Northrop, the first of the name in this town. Gamaliel Baldwin's second lot was not far north of Paul Welch, and after living on it twenty or more years he sold it to Roger Sherman. Theophilus Baldwin, the first, resided at this place, one or two lots north of Gamaliel Baldwin. Then in 1741 Nathan Gunn settled here, and also Justus Miles. Several of the Gould families resided here, and also David Camp. Doct. Jonah Todd settled in this place a little after 1750, and his son Eli Todd was a merchant and tavern-keeper. Abel Gunn, son of Nathan, became a prominent and successful man after the Revolution.

It was probably about 1748 when Theophilus Baldwin, Jr., and his brother Isaac Baldwin settled on the east side of Mount Tom, and were the first who resided in that locality, except Eleazer Beecher, so far as has been ascertained. Soon after this, Daniel Hine, who located first a little north of Park Lane school-house, settled on the farm northeast of Northville where his descendants still reside, but this was a little after Joseph Wheaton had settled at Marbledale. In the records of the First Ecclesiastical Society for October, 1774, the following is found : "Voted that Abraham Daton, Daniel Hine, Samuel Farrand, and Abel Buckingham shall have the same privileges for schooling as other districts have, for the year ensuing ; and Daniel Hine is chosen school committee and collector." This was, probably, the beginning of a district in that locality, and the vote granted those four families to have a separate school and receive their propor-

tion of public money. According to Davis Baldwin's narrative the first school-house at Northville was erected in 1783.

The Baptist Church at Northville.

There are evidences that meetings were held at this place by the Baptist people as early as 1790, for Davis Baldwin recorded that Elder Roots, a Baptist minister of Warren, preached a sermon there at a day-school exhibition. Baptist ministers held regular services in Bridgewater before 1790, and in Warren; and a number of persons living at Gaylord's Bridge were released from ministerial taxes in this town in 1794, and hence the probabilities are as just stated, but no church or society was organized until much later.

On the 7th day of January, 1814, a company of believers, holding Baptist principles, met at the house of Asahel Baldwin, in the western part of the town, and after free deliberation :

"Voted, First, to organize themselves into a society to be known as the New Milford Baptist Church.

"Voted, Second, to invite a council from sister churches to meet with them on the 9th day of February to consider the propriety of recognizing them as a regular Baptist Church."

On February 9th, the council met at the same place, composed of pastors and delegates from the churches in Newtown, Litchfield, and Roxbury, and, after examining their articles of faith and covenant, voted unanimously to recognize them as a sister church in the Lord. The following are the names of the members at the organization :—

Eleazer Beecher,
Dorcas Wright,
Nathaniel Terry,
Lydia Phillips,
Martha Terry,
Patty Phillips,
Betsey Davenport,
Elizabeth Baldwin,
Leman Garlick,
John Ferriss,
Mrs. Garlick,

Sally Ferriss,
Elijah Canfield,
Mary Canfield,
Mrs. Canfield,
Phebe Hallock,
Esther Baldwin,
A. Titus,
Isaac Wooster,
Mrs. Jackson,
Mrs. Wooster,
Asahel Baldwin.

On the 19th of February, the church voted to license Eleazer Beecher to preach the Gospel to them, and on the 15th of September, of the same year, he was ordained to the work of the Gospel

ministry; the services on the occasion being held in the doorway of the old Abel Canfield house on Long Mountain, and he assumed the pastoral care of this church, and served them in this capacity until 1821. The Rev. Seth Higby was then called to the pastorate and remained with the church one year. During that and the following year they built a house of worship at Northville, four miles from New Milford village. A lease for the land was received from Davis Baldwin, of Tyringham, Mass., dated Dec. 5, 1822, in behalf of "the Baptist Society, owners of the meeting-house, near the red school-house, commonly called the Mount Tom school-house," to be occupied so long as desired for that purpose.

The following persons took a leading part in building this house of worship: Eleazer Beecher, Stephen Beecher, Edmund Clark, Jesse Hallock, Joseph Wells, Noble Baldwin, David Baldwin, Daniel Dayton.

In 1822 Elder Beecher again took charge of this church, preaching alternately at Northville and Merryall, where a church was built in 1823, and continued in this office until about the year 1832. During his labors over one hundred members were added to the church. Their next pastor was the Rev. Nathan D. Benedict, who settled with them in 1832, and remained two years, and twenty-eight members were added during that time. In 1835, the Rev. Elijah Baldwin settled in the place and the church invited him to take the pastoral oversight during his stay among them. He served the church until the spring of 1840. From 1840 to 1850 the church had no settled pastor, but the pulpit was regularly supplied by the Rev. E. N. Jenks, the Rev. L. Atwater, and the Rev. E. C. Ambler and others, not residents of the place. Under the labors of the Rev. Mr. Jenks, in 1841, there was a very interesting revival, and eleven were added to the church by baptism. In the winter of 1850, another revival occurred, and eleven more were admitted.

From 1850 to 1866 there were no additions to the church by baptism, and none by letter of any particular help to the church. During that period the church enjoyed the pastoral labors of the Rev. H. M. Barlow two years, the Rev. J. F. Jones two years, the Rev. J. Hepburn three years, and Mr. Hepburn supplied the pulpit two or three years after removing from the place.

In 1868 the Rev. C. W. Potter accepted a call from the church, and continued with them about three years. A very extensive revival was enjoyed during that time; ten were added to the church, and other churches were benefited by it in the same way. From 1871 to 1875 the church had no pastor, the pulpit being supplied a part of the time by the Rev. Arthur Day. In the spring of 1875 the Rev. Edwin Beardsley accepted a call to the pastorate of the church, and is still occupying that office among them with diligence and fidelity.

During its early history its members were scattered over three or four townships, and meetings were held at different times in localities that best suited the convenience of the worshipers; but gradually out-stations were abandoned, the congregation in Merryall diminished, and that house of worship was sold, and for a number of years their meetings have all been held in the meeting-house at Northville.

Several of its members have been licensed to preach the Gospel, among them the Rev. N. M. Baldwin, D.D., for a number of years pastor in New York and in Philadelphia.

The whole number of members received by baptism is 195; that of persons received by letter is 73. The present number of members is 40.

Methodist Episcopal Church at Northville.

Methodist meetings were held in this place some little time, perhaps five or six years, when, in 1826, Henry Benson deeded a piece of land "to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of erecting thereon a house of worship, near his house, provided that it should be used for no other purpose;" and upon it a commodious house was erected and occupied; but, after some years, the society being small, an arrangement by sale or otherwise was effected, by which the building was used some years for an academy for educational purposes, and such a school was continued with much success a number of years. For some time recently the building has not been occupied, although still available for some good enterprise.

Other Public Enterprises in Northville.

Sheldon Buckingham built the house next south of the Baptist meeting-house, and kept a store in it some years, and

sold it to Starr Hunt, who continued the store, and sold the same to Charles Bartram, and he after a time sold it to Benjamin Bartram. For some years it was open as a tavern, but it is now a private dwelling.

Mr. Arnold Payne came from Kent in 1862, and purchased the old Curtiss Loveridge place, a quarter of a mile north of the Baptist meeting-house, where he established a store, and has continued the same until the present time.

Mr. Lewis Payne, son of Arnold Payne, now owns and runs the saw-mill and turning-mill at Northville, where a mill has stood for many years.

Mr. Henry Lyon, a joiner, wagon-maker, and blacksmith, established his shop at Northville about sixteen years ago, and continues the enterprise with good success and advantage to the community.

Mr. Clark M. Hunt opened a store in a building next north of the Baptist meeting-house in 1878, where he continues the same at the present time.

Post Masters at Northville.

Shelden Buckingham, . . .	appointed	Jan. 16, 1832.
Harvey Buckingham, . . .	"	July 24, 1844.
Mrs. Betsey E. Hunt, . . .	"	Oct. 22, 1855.
Clark Buckingham, . . .	"	May 1, 1858.
Charles W. Potter, . . .	"	April 19, 1869.
Salmon Couch, . . .	"	March 31, 1871.
Merritt Hunt, . . .	"	Aug. 29, 1877.

Messrs. William W. Wells and *Edwin S. Wells*, sons of Philip Wells, purchased, in 1862, the grist-mill on the Aspetuck River, about a mile up the river from Northville, where they continue a successful and prosperous work as a flour-mill and plaster-mill. This mill has quite a history, running over the time-table of a little more than one hundred years.

In April, 1779, Nathan Daton purchased of Enos Camp a piece of land lying east of the dwelling house of Abraham Dayton, "southeastward from the lime kiln, and bounded east on the East Aspetuck River." On this land, or near it, he and his father and brother Abraham built a saw-mill. At this time

¹ Town Rec., B. 18, p. 342.

there was a corn-mill, or a grist-mill, for it is called by both names, at this place, owned by Col. Josiah Starr and Abel Hine, Esqr. These mills came into the hands of the Daytons, and soon after Angus Nickerson bought them, and they fell into the hands of John Murry, of New York, and in 1792 he sold one-half to John Sears, of New Milford;² and in 1794 Sears sold to Enos Camp, and Isaac Van Vleck, of New York, owned the other half, which he obtained at the same time John Murry did, from Angus Nickerson, probably for a debt. In 1799 Enos Camp bought the half of Van Vleck, and in 1800 sold a half to Abijah Patterson, there being then a corn-mill, saw-mill, and mill house. In 1804 John Morehouse, Jr., purchased Patterson's half, consisting of ten acres of land, it "being the mill-place, with a grist-mill and saw-mill standing thereon," except half of the saw-mill, which belonged then to Noble Baldwin; and it was stated "that the grist-mill is always to have the privilege of the water when there is not enough for both." And it was stipulated that he was to have the privilege to pass out to the highway, or the Litchfield road, there being no laid-out highway to the mills. The guarantee that the grist-mill should have the water when there was not enough for both, proves that the saw-mill stood above the grist-mill; and it is probable that it stood on the site of Mr. Albert S. Hill's present paper-mill. There is now a saw-mill below the grist-mill, at this same place. In another deed of land just above these mills to John Morehouse, the place is called the Rabbit-Thousand Hills. In 1810 Nathaniel Brown, Jr., and Russell Brown bought one-half of this mill, and afterwards it was known, for years as Brown's mills. In 1824 Russell Brown and Solomon Brown sold one-third to Kirjath A. Hunt. In 1848 Seymour Morehouse and Gideon Camp were part owners. Besides these names there are quite a number of others mentioned as those of part owners of these mills.

They are now doing a large amount of work under the management of the Wells Brothers.

Mr. Albert S. Hill erected a paper mill across the road from the Wells' grist-mill in 1852. The site had been occupied by a saw-mill over seventy years. The article manufactured

² Ibid, B. 20, p. 243. See Appendix A.

here is that of straw-board paper, which was used at first for making hat boxes, but is now used for making large paper boxes for the dry-goods merchants. This was the second or third mill established in the State of Connecticut for making this kind of paper, and it has remained in the same hands all these thirty years, and is still successful, producing about seventy-five tons of paper a year, with a capacity of one hundred tons or more, and the reason for failing to reach this amount is the difficulty in obtaining the straw from which to produce the paper. Rye straw is the best material that can be used successfully; but the growing of rye has fallen off greatly since the olden times, and since the farmers have engaged largely in the business of fattening western cattle. A rye crop following that of tobacco is a profitable arrangement for the farmers.

The Cabinet Shop.

Mr. Levi Morehouse occupies a water privilege about a mile above the paper mill, with a saw and turning mill and cabinet shop, where he conducts the cabinet and undertaking business. The locality was occupied by a marble saw-mill some years.

The Friend Meeting-House.

Jemima Wilkinson, an impostor, was born in Rhode Island, about 1753, and was educated a Quaker. She was artful, bold, and zealous. About 1772, when she recovered from a fit of sickness, in which she had been apparently dead, she asserted that her spirit went to heaven where it remained, and that her body was reanimated with the spirit and power of Christ, upon which she set up as a public teacher; and declared she had an immediate revelation for all she delivered, and was arrived at a state of absolute perfection.³

Jemima Wilkinson came to New Milford in 1782, and held meetings and taught her peculiar doctrines or pretensions, and after a time she found some adherents in the vicinity of Northville. She held meetings for a time in the dwelling-house of Esek Wheaton, a little distance north of the Northville Burying-ground, and perhaps at other houses in that community.

³ Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge.

On the 30th of July, 1784, Abraham Dayton deeded a piece of land for a site of the meeting-house for Jemima to preach in. Some parts of that deed read as follows :

"For the promotion of the cause of God, and the advancement of the true Church and kingdom of Jesus Christ :

"Know ye that I Abraham Dayton, for and in consideration of the cause above mentioned, and the concern I have for the increase and propagation of the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, have of my own free, voluntary will conveyed unto Asahel Stone and Benjamin Stone, and Jonathan Botsford, Jr.; . . . they being a committee appointed by the body or society of people who call themselves and are known by the name of Universal Friends, held on fifth day of second month, 1784 ; a piece of land as an estate in trust to and for the use of the aforesaid body or society being under the particular care and direction of a person known by the name of the Universal Friend for the particular and sole purpose of building a meeting-house on and for no other purpose."

This land was bounded on the south by the Northville Burying-place.

A meeting-house was soon after built on it, which was used by this society only four or five years, for they removed ("in a body," says Rev. Mr. Griswold) before 1790, to the Genesee country, and in 1796 the house was purchased by the Episcopal Church of New Preston.

Jemima with some of her followers removed to the Genesee country (now near Penn Yan, N. Y.) to a place she called Jerusalem. There were a number of teams, equipped in the regular emigrant style for those days, with covered carts and appliances for cooking and encamping in their wagons over night ; and all under the leadership of Benjamin Stone, who did not remove with them but went as the captain of the train, to see them safely landed in their new home, which, when accomplished, he returned home. He was a Revolutionary soldier and had seen some of the difficulties and hardships of war, and hence was regarded as a capable leader. For many years afterwards he told his adventure with the Chief of the Oneida Indians, in this journey, as being particularly amusing. When the train reached the Chief's village, he forbade their crossing his land except they paid him

for the privilege of crossing. Mr. Stone declared his right and purpose to go forward at all hazards. After many words and threats the Chief challenged Mr. Stone to wrestle with him, which was at once accepted and the old Chief was soon prostrate on the ground a loser of the contest. Upon this he brought forth a bottle of rum and required the victor to drink with him. Not knowing what might be in the bottle Mr. Stone required the Chief first to "drink a thumb" (that was, to lower the fluid in the bottle, by drinking, the width of the thumb) which the Chief did with much grace and then Mr. Stone took a round drink, which settled all difficulties, and the company went on safe from all Indians.

The removal of this company caused much talk, and afforded some exhibitions of character, anything but such as taught in the Gospel. Some husbands left their wives and families and some wives did the same;—one mother left her infant;—and several young women left their homes and kindred, and none who emigrated ever returned, so far as reported.

Jemima Wilkinson was, no doubt, an impostor, of a very ordinary quality. Personally she had a commanding presence, and great pretentiousness with good intellectual qualities, and a large amount of low cunning and ingenious invention.

She held a public service at New Milford village at the side of the Housatonic River, under the announcement that she would walk on the water as an evidence of her supernatural endowments. After preaching a long sermon, and putting on some very fine slippers, for the purpose of walking on the water, she asked her followers several times over, if they believed she could walk on the water, saying that without faith it could not be done, and receiving the affirmative response, again and again, "Yes, yes, we believe you can walk on the water." She replied: "If then you believe it, there is no need of doing it," and thus ended the miracle.

Direct communications were continued by letter between some of Jemima's followers and New Milford people, for more than thirty years, many of the letters being still preserved; and all of them indicate (unintentionally by the writers) the absurdity of Jemima's pretensions. She proclaimed that her body should never see corruption, or should never decay, but after being

buried a time in a vault under her house, the offence became so great that the body was removed by night and buried in the garden, and but few of her followers knew it for a long time afterwards.

It is affirmed on good authority that she pretended to receive angel's visits at evening, and that she gave orders to her servants, never to question the angels when they came, nor ask their names. The servants reported, however, that one of the angels looked very much like a certain judge of the court, who resided not far away.

By the contributions and work of her followers she became possessed of a large tract of very productive land, and lived in ease and elegance in her city of Jerusalem. She died in 1819, and that ended her mission of pretence and that also of her followers.

Some persons of very honorable and Christian character in New Milford became her followers.

The Northville Burying Place.

This ground is located on a sandy hill, at the north end of the vicinity which was called the Thousand Hills; and is about half-way between Northville and Marbledale.

The first burial in it was that of Abraham Daton who died Aug. 10, 1780.

In memory of | An infant | daughter of | Nathan M & | | Lura Avery | who died | at her birth Aug. 1, 1827.	Sacred to | memory | Here lies deposited | the remains of the | WIDOW ABIGAIL BALDWIN | who de- parted this life | Nov. 21st A.D. 1800 in | the 96 year of her | age.
In memory of | CLARK BANKER | who died | May 20, 1842 | Æt 23 yrs 10 mo | & 20 ds.	CHARLOTTE M BALDWIN | Born April 9 1801 | died in Shelby | Orleans Co. N. Y. | July 23, 1844 |
GIDEON BANKER | Died | July 31, 1859 | Æ 73 yrs & 2 mo.	In | memory of | DAVID BALDWIN | who died July 10 | 1816 | in the 48 year | of his age | This | monument is | erected to the | memory of |
THOMAS | BARNUM | Died | June 25, 1840 | Aged 48.	WID EUNICE BALDWIN | consort of | Jeremiah Baldwin | who died April 3 1825 | aged 88 years.
This monument is to | perpetuate the memory of | ABIGAIL BALDWIN | wife of David Bald- win who (after | an illness of 9 years 10 months & 21 days) | died Dec 1, 1815 in | the 47 year of her age |	In | memory of | HARRIET | Daughter of David | & Abi- gail Baldwin | who Died March | 19 1816 | Æ 22 years |
Here rests the patience of the Saints. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from | henceforth yea saith the Spirit that they may rest | from their labors and their works do follow them | For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even | so them also which sleep in Jesus God will bring unto him |	In memory of | MR JEREMIAH BALDWIN | who departed this life | May 23d 1802 aged | 69 years.
Abigail is dead death closed her eyes Here in this grave her body lies While living she liv'd in love with all When dead was mourned by great and small.	Faith triumphs in the hour of death With joy the Saint resigns his breath But those who die in Black despair Alas the horrors they must bear.

JEREMIAH BALDWIN | Died Oct 19, 1851
| Æ 79 |

In | memory of |

JOHN BALDWIN | who died May 11th,
1806 | Æ 36 Years.

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was |
As I am now so must you be
Prepare for death and follow me.

SALLY | wife of | Joseph Baldwin | Died
| Jan 7, 1859 | Æ 54.

SARAH | Daughter of | David & | Laura
M Baldwin | Died | July 1, 1850 | æ
16.

SARAH E | wife of | Jeremiah Baldwin |
Died | April 21, 1859 | Æ 85.

Memory of |

THEOPHILUS BALDWIN | who died April
8, 1820 | Aged 65 Years.

I die happy.

HARRY W. BARLOW | Died | Nov 18,
1871 | Aged 69 yrs & 8mo.

In | memory of |

ANDREA wife of | Wells Beardsley | who
died | Aug 27, 1827 | Æ 70 years & 12
ds.

In memory of |

WELLS BEARDSLEY | who departed this
life | Feb 28, 1824 | aged 73.

In | memory of |

RUFUS C | son of | Rufus & | Bemis |
who died | Jan 19, 1852 | aged 2 years
| & 2 mo.

HIRAM BISSELL | Born Sept 27, 1809 |
Died March 30, 1871.

JULIA CAROLINE TAYLOR | wife of |
Hiram Bissell | Born Nov 2, 1808 |
Died July 8, 1842.

LUCINA JONES | wife of | Hiram Bissell
| Born Sep 23 1812 | Died Nov 8,
1861.

JULIA C | wife of | Hiram Bissell | Died
July 7, 1834 | Aged 27 years.

LOUISA BOOTH | Died | Mar 3 1877 Æ
75.

In memory of Mr |

JOSEPH BOSTWICK Son | of Mr Abel &
Mrs | Sarah Bostwick who | Died of
the Small Pox | March 15 A D 1778 |
In the 21st year of | his Age.

In | memory of |

ABIGAIL Daugh of Jonathan & | Abigail
Botsford died Mar | 14 A D 1782
aged | Two years & 4 | months.

ALVIN BROWN | Born | June 29, 1790 |
Died | May 3, 1854.

ELIZA A SOMERS | Widow of | Nathaniel
Brown | Died | Jan 4, 1865 | Æt 69.

CAROLINE | daughter of | Joseph & |
Sally Brown | died Sep 26 | 1841 aged
2 | months & | 4 days.

JOSEPH BROWN | Died | June 25 1856 |
Æt 54.

LUCY | relict of | Nathaniel Brown |
died | Oct 8, 1831 | aged 89 years.

NATHANIEL BROWN | Born Jan 26, 1779
| Died | May 18, 1854.

NATHANIEL BROWN | departed this life
| Nov 12, 1827 | in the 89th year | of
his age.

In | memory of |

Mrs SALLY wife of | Mr. Russell Brown
| who died | June 14, 1814 | aged 36
years.

LUCY | wife of | Stephen H Brown | Died
Sep 13, 1840 | Æ 38.

SUSAN BROWN | Died | Dec 29, 1852 |
Æt 27.

SUSAN | wife of | Nathaniel Brown Jr |
departed this life | May 16, 1825 | in the
27 year | of her age.

BENJAMIN BRONSON | Died Nov 23, 1860
| aged 52.

ELVIRA M | daughter of | Benjamin & |
Minerva Bronson | Died | March 21,
1848 | aged 13 ye 7 mo | & 13 da.

In memory of |

ALMA daughter of | Mr Samuel B (?)
Buck | & Mrs Mariah or Alminah his |
wife who died July | 13, 1802 in the 15
| year of her age.

A. E. B. |

ANNOT E | Daughter of | Heman &
Maria | Buckingham | Died | Dec 8,
1874 | Æ 22.

Thy Will be done.

In | memory of |

ABEL BUCKINGHAM | who died | July 27,
1827 | Aged 81 years.

Receive O earth this faded form
On thy cold bosom let it lie
Safe let it rest from every storm
Soon it must rise no more to Die.

In | memory of |

ABIAH BUCKINGHAM | wife of | Abel
Buckingham Jun | who Died | Oct 30,
1807 | Aged 24 years.

In | memory of |

ABEL BUCKINGHAM Junr | who, Died |
May 2 | 1825 | Aged 48 years.

LITTLE ANDREW | son of | Hiram &
Susan | Buckngham | Died | Aug 31,
1852 | Æ 2 yrs & 6 mo.

ANNA | Wife of | Gilbert Buckingham |
Died | June 17, 1878 | Æ 90.

In memory of
ANNIS BUCKINGHAM | Wife of | Gilbert
Buckingham | who died June 16, 1824
| aged 32 years.

BENJ BUCKINGHAM | Died | Nov 30, 1853
| Æ 30.

And brothers mourn thy fallen leaf | with many
a bitter tear.

CHARLES BUCKINGHAM Died | March
22, 1860 | Æt 44 |

ELIZA A BUCKINGHAM | Wife of | Shel-
don Buckingham | Died Feb 26, 1841
| Aged 32.

My husband, friends & children dear
I am not dead but sleeping here,
My debt is paid, my grave you see
Prepare for death & to meet me.

HART | son of Sheldon and | Eliza A
Buckingham | died Sept 7, 1836 | Aged
15 months.

In | memory of |
Mr EPHRAIM BUCKINGHAM who died |
Dec 16, 1809 | aged 27 years.

Farewell my friends my wife my son
For I must leave you all behind
My strength decays my pains increase
And I must go where God doth please.

ESTHER A | Daughter of | Lucius E &
Julia A | Buckingham | Died | Dec 11,
1855 | Æ 20 yrs.

In | memory of |
GILBERT BUCKINGHAM | who died | June
29, 1845 | aged 60 years.

In memory of Mrs |
HANNAH BUCKINGHAM | Wife to Mr |
Abel Buckingham | Who died Sept
22, 1801 | In the 51st year of her age |

Farewell my friends and children dear
My silent voice doth this declare
I leave you all behind to mourn
My soul to God again returns.

HARRY BUCKINGHAM | Born | April 10,
1813 | Died | March 9, 1878.

HART BUCKINGHAM | Died | Feb 19,
1877 aged 68 yrs.

Our Father & Mother
HENRY BUCKINGHAM | Died | Dec 19,
1839 | Æt 37.

ANNA W BUCKINGHAM | Died | Nov 30,
1857 | Æt 52.

HENRY HINE | son of | Hart E & Rhoda
S | Buckingham | Died | Dec 12,
1842 | aged 2 months & 6 days.

HEMAN BUCKINGHAM | Died | May 2,
1880 | Æ 61.

HIRAM BUCKINGHAM | Born | June 7,
1815 | Died | April 17, 1872.

In memory of
HOMER BUCKINGHAM | son of Nathaniel
and | Tamer Buckingham | who died
June 2, 1827 | in the 21 year | of his
age.

In | memory of |
HOMER son of | Mr Nathaniel and | Mrs
Tamer Buckingham | who died Nov
15th | 1806 Æ 3 years.

IRWIN CLARK | BUCKINGHAM | Born |
June 17, 1844 | Died | June 18, 1869.

In memory of two Infants | sons of Gil-
bert and | Annis Buckingham | The
first died at his birth | Sept 16, 1841 |
the second died Dec 21, 1815 | aged 1
mo and 13 d.

Infant | Daughter of | Herman & Maria |
Buckingham | died | Jan 16, 1857.

LEMIRA | Wife of | Clark Buckingham |
Daughter of | William & Urania |
Couch | Died | April 4, 1867 | Æ 27.

LUCY IONE | Daughter of | Harry and
Thalia | Buckingham | Died | Aug 20,
1852 | Aged 4 Years | and 9 Days.

We hope to meet again.

FRANCES M | wife of | Orrin G Bucking-
ham | Died | at Great Bend Pa | Aug
30, 1852 | aged 26 yrs.

ORLO HINE | BUCKINGHAM | Born | Jan
12, 1841 | Died Sept 15, 1874.

In | memory of |
NANCY | wife of | Abel Buckingham Jr |
who died | June 22, 1864 | Æ 11 yrs.

In memory of
NATHANIEL BUCKINGHAM | who died |
Feb 2, 1834 | in the 59 year | of his age.

RHODA | wife of | Hart Buckingham |
Died | June 12, 1855 | aged 46 years.

RUTH BUCKINGHAM | Died | Jan 20,
1835 | Æ 23.

She sleeps in beauty | like the dying rose.

In | memory of | our mother
TAMER | wife of | Nathaniel Bucking-
ham | Born | May 18, 1771 | Died |
March 13, 1870.

In memory of |
MRS SAMUEL CAMP | who died | Feb 22,
1815 | in the 28 year | of her age.

In | memory of |
ABEL CANFIELD | who died | June 11,
1830 | in the 79 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
CLARY CANFIELD | who died | Nov 24,
1848 | in the 72 year | of her age.

HOMER CANFIELD | Died | July 16,
1856 | aged 68 Yrs 5 mo | & 14 Ds.

Died | Feb 16, 1806 | an Infant son | of
Abel & Phebe | Canfield.

In memory of |
MR IRA CANFIELD | he died 9th June,
 1824 in | the 60th year of his age.

In hope of future bliss content I lie
 Though pleased to live yet not displeased to die.
 Life had its comforts and its sorrows too
 Both to an alwise God my thanks are due
 Farewell dear wife my time is past
 My love for you did ever last
 Then after me no sorrows take
 But love my orphans for my sake.

[His wife probably lies by his side, with
 a common field stone, but no inscription.]

MOSES | son of | Leman & | Mahala |
 Canfield | Died | March 8, 1857 | aged
 1 year | & 5 mo.

POLLY | wife of | Homer Canfield |
 Died | June 28, 1880 | aged 87 yrs & 9
 mo.

Dearest mother thou hast left us
 Here thy loss we deeply feel
 But tis God that hath bereft us
 He can all our sorrows heal.

In memory of |
REBECA CANFIELD | wife of Abel Can-
 field | who departed | this life Novem-
 ber | 8, 1823 | in the | 79 year | of her
 age.

ANNA CHAPMAN | died | Nov 9, 1836 |
 aged 38.

In memory of |
DANIEL CLARK Jr | who died | Nov 15,
 1826 | aged 54.

In | memory of |
DANIEL CLARK | who died | July 26,
 1827 | aged 83 | Also

ESTHER his wife | Died | Dec 6, 1830 |
 aged 83.

DANIEL T | son of | Nathan H and |
 Sarah C Clark | Died | Nov 11, 1848 |
 aged 13 years | & 7 mo.

In | memory of |
EDMOND CLARK | who died | Jan 12,
 1858 | aged 81 years.

ELIZA | wife of | Jonah Clark | Died |
 Feb 24, 1859 | \AA 39.

Mother we miss thee.

In | memory of |
ELLANY | wife of | Isaac Clark | who
 died | Aug 29, 1849 | aged 46 years.

In | memory of |
ESTHER CLARKE | who died | Nov 28,
 1821 | in the 46 year | of her age.

In | memory of |
HANNAH | wife of | Edmond Clark | who
 died | March 1, 1841 | aged 71 years.

HENRY S CLARK | Died — March 24,
 1881 | \AA 48.

HORACE CLARK | Died | Jan 30, 1864 |
 aged 53 years.

CATHARINE | wife of | Horace Clark |
 Died | Nov 10, 1839 | aged 28 years.

DIANA L | wife of | Horace Clark |
 Died | Feb 1, 1880 | aged 60 years.

HETH G | son of | Horace & Diana L
 Clark | Died | Dec 20, 1872 | aged 31
 years.

HORACE CLARK Jr | Died | Feb 23,
 1876 | aged 24 years.

In | memory of |
ISAAC CLARK | who died | July 26, 1857 |
 aged 57 years.

The sweet remembrance of the just
 Does flourish now he sleeps in dust.

SARAH CORDELIA | widow of | Nathan
 H Clark | Died Feb 13, 1874 | aged 71.

NATHAN H CLARK | Died | At Vera
 Cruz Mexico | July 28, 1847 | Aged 46.

ARCHIBALD COGSHALL | died June 19,
 1857 | aged 62.

HARVKY COGSHALL | died July 10, 1822 |
 aged 22.

ELIZA | Daughter of John | and | Hannah
 Cogshal | died May 12, 1810 | aged 4
 years.

Eliza's gone to realms above
 Where pleasure reigns with peace and love.

In | memory of |
JOHN COGSHAL | who died May 13, 1840 |
 aged 73 years.

Also of his wife |
HANNAH | who died | Oct 5, 1832 | aged
 58 years.

HENRY E | son of | Lucius T & | Cath-
 arine Cogswell | Died | May 10, 1849 |
 \AA 1 y & | 9 mos.

CHARLES COLE | Died | Sep 24, 1863 \AA
 57.

LORAIN | wife of | Charles Cole | Died |
 Nov 21, 1869 | \AA 59.

In | memory of |
TIMMOTHY COLK | who died | Jan 7,
 1828 | aged 72.

SARAH L | daughter of | Preserved & |
 Lucretia | Cooper | died | Aug 30, 1836
 | Aged 12 ds.

In memory of |
CALVIN son of | Mr Daniel & | Mrs
 Theodey Copley | who died | Feb 24,
 1807 | aged 16 years.

Stop Children here as you pass by
 And See you are not too young to die.

In | memory of |
JOEL COPLEY | son of Daniel and | Mol-
ley Copley | who died Feb 11, 1814 |
aged 11 years.

Short was my time
And strong was my pain
To rest on Christ is now my gain
Dry up your tears & weep no more
I am not lost but gone before.

HENRY GOODSILL | son of | Solomon
and | Harriet Couch | Died | Nov 10,
1862 | Æ 4.

The Savior called him to be his
For of such his Fathers kingdom is.

In memory of |
HARRIET COUCH | daughter of John | &
Sally Couch | who died | Oct 28, 1819 |
aged 4 years | and 1 month.

WEALTHY | wife of | Harry Couch |
Died | Aug 1, 1847 | Æ 43.

In memory of | an Infant | son of | Wil-
liam | & Urania Couch | who died Nov
28, 1826.

COUCH MONUMENT.

JOHN COUCH | Died | Feb 6, 1872 | Æ 82.

SALLY | his wife | Died | June 27, 1873 |
Æ 80.

In memory of |
JOHN COUCH | son of John | & Sally
Couch | who died | Dec 25, 1829 | aged
4 years | and 1 month.

In memory of |
PRINCE WILLIAM | son of Hermon & |
Sylvia Couch | who died | Jan 7, 1828 |
aged 15 months | and 25 days.

In | memory of |
ROBERT COUCH | who died | May 19,
1841 | aged 18 years.
Selected by himself.

If we believe that Jesus died and | rose again even
so them also which | sleep in Jesus will God bring
with him.

WILLIAM COUCH | Born | June 15,
1803 | Died | —

URANIA COUCH | Born | Oct 18, 1804 |
Died July 15, 1874.

In memory of |
MRS HANNAH | consort of Mr Stephen
Crane | who departed | this life Seper
4th A D | 1807 aged 32 years.
She lived beloved and died | lamented.

In memory of Lieut |
ABRAHAM DATON | Who Died Aug 10th
| A D 1780 in the 63 | year of his Age.

My friends I am here
The first that Cum
And in This Place
For you there is Room.

HORACE | son of John & | Hannah |
Drinkwater | died Sept 1, 1808 aged 17
months | and 4 days.

Thy will be done.

MINNIE E | wife of | William S Dubois |
Died | May 6, 1874 | Æ 24.

ABEL EDWARDS | Died | March 29, 1875.
Æt 68.

In memory of |
MR EBENEZER EDWARDS | who died May
9th | 1806 in the 67th | year of his age.

Infant | son of | Stephen & | Orrilla
Evetts | Died | Aug 18, 1855 | Æ 7 ds.

SARAH wife of Ziba Fairchild | Died |
Jan 30, 1864 | Æ 72 yrs & 7 mo.

GORDIE FERRISS | Died | Nov 22, 1863 |
Æ 2½ years.

SAMUEL J FERRISS | Died | May 7,
1874 | Æ 1 year & 22 ds.

FLORENCE | Æt 19.
After life's fitful fever she sleeps.

She sweetly sleeps | Little |
JENNIE E | Daughter of | John & | An-
geline Fleezer | Died | June 26, 1867 |
Aged 1 yr 1 mo | & 13 ds.

Our Baby E
Our sweet flower has drooped and faded
One sweet Infant voice has fled
One fair brow the grave has shaded
Our dear Jennie now is dead.

Infant | son of | John M and | Sophronia
M | Ford.

ANNIS | Wife of | Elijah Gaylord | Died
| Feb 12, 1877 | æ 89.

ELIJAH GAYLORD | Died Feb 2, 1871 |
Æ 85.

In | memory of |
SIDNEY S GAYLORD | Son of Elijah & |
Annis Gaylord | who died May 17, 1845
| aged 22 years.

That form which slumbers here in dust
Doth guardian Angels keep
Blest is the memory of the just
Who then in Jesus sleep.

MARILLA GIDDINGS | Died | Oct 19, 1864
| Æ 64.

In | memory of |
BETSEY wife of | Hiram S Gifford | who
died | March 13, 1836 | aged 34 yrs.

In | memory of |
CAROLINE | daughter of | Hiram & Bet-
sey Gifford | who died | Nov 14, 1828 |
aged 4 years | & 6 mo.

CAROLINE B GIFFORD | Died Sep 2 1852
| Aged 19 years | & 8 mo's.

RACHEL | wife of | Hiram Gifford | died
Dec 15, 1844 | aged 44 yrs.

In memory of |
GRANDISON GREGORY | who died | Oct
 1, 1831 | aged 24.

Died | April 14, 1841 | An infant |
 daughter of | Sturges G & | Susannah A
 | Gregory.

IRENE E | Wife of William Gregory |
 Died | Nov 16, 1849 | aged 26 years |
 4 mo. & 4 ds.

In | memory of |
DEBORAH | Wife of | Samuel Gregory |
 who died | Nov 21, 1858 | Aged 83
 yrs.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL | **GREGORY** | who died Sep 18,
 1838 | Aged 62.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL H GREGORY | Who died | Jan
 21, 1833 | Aged 32.

In | memory of |
STURGIS G GREGORY | who died | Sep 30,
 1840 aged 28 yrs.

SUSANNAH | **MARIAH** | daughter of |
 Sturges G & | Susannah A Gregory |
 died | July 16, 1838 | Aged 4 Years.

WALLACE W | son of | William & | Irene
 E Gregory | Died | Oct 10, 1849 |
 aged 9 months.

His soul has fled
 His Savior's love to share
 While his soft form
 Lies mouldering here.

WALTER | son of | William & | Sarah
 Gregory | Died | May 3, 1857 | aged 2
 years | 3 mo. & 8 ds.

BETSEY GREGORY Widow of | Leonard
 R Griswold | Died April 14, 1874 |
 Aged 72.

Death cannot hurt
 But grant thee sweet release
 From pain and trouble
 To eternal peace.

In memory of |
MARY AUGUSTA | daughter of | John &
 Clara E Gunn | who died | April 5,
 1843 | aged 10 ds.

Sleep gentle babe thy troubles are oer
 Thy bosom's rest shall be disturbed no more.

In | memory of |
PHEBE wife of Elias Guthrie | who died |
 May 25, 1812 | in her 42 | year |

ALMIRA HALLOCK | Died | May 14, 1858
 | aged 61 years.

Do think as you pass by
 How sudden was my death
 And may you all prepare to die
 Before you end your breath.

AMOS HALLOCK | Died | Oct 1, 1856 |
 Æ 74.

BENJAMIN HALLOCK | Died | July 24,
 1865 | Æ 81.

He sleeps in Jesus and is blest
 How sweet his slumbers are
 From suffering and from pain released
 And freed from every care.

In memory of |
BENJAMIN HALLOCK | he | Died | Nov
 18, 1796 Æt 66.

BENJAMIN HALLOCK | died | Sept 14,
 1837 | in the 78 year | of his age.

In memory of |
CLARISBA | wife of | Benjamin Hallock
 2d | who died | May 4, 1832 | Æ. 63
 years.

My husband and my children leave
 And take my lodging in the grave
 No sex nor age from death | is free
 O think of death | then think of me.

In | memory of |
Mr DANIEL HALLOCK who departed
 this life | Aug 19th, 1810 in the | 53d
 year of his age.

DANIEL HALLOCK | Born | May 17 1794
 | Died Aug 19, 1870 |

Peace be unto thee.

ELIZABETH B | Wife of | Joseph O Hal-
 lock | Died | Apr 22, 1856 æ 72.

ELVIRA | daughter of | Isaac E & |
 Welthy Hallock | died | Jan 18, 1843 |
 aged 3 yrs | and 5 mo.

Her soul is fled
 Her Saviours love to share
 While her soft form
 To dust lies mouldering here.

ERVIN HALLOCK | Died | in Vineland
 N J | June 9, 1874 Æ 77.

EUNICE | wife of | Amos Hallock | Died
 | July 9, 1861 | Æ 74.

In | memory of |
TOLMAN W | **HALLOCK** | Son of Amos
 and | Eunice Hallock | who died July
 22 | 1822 | Æ 8 months.

This lovely bud so | young and fair | called hence
 by early doom.

HANNAH | wife of | Benjamin Hallock |
 Died March 31, 1871 | Æ 83.

I am happy now my darlings
 With your kisses on my brow
 With the fond good night you gave me
 I am sweetly sleeping now.

HARVEY | son of | Joseph D | & Eliza-
 beth B | Hallock died | May 25, 1843 |
 Æ 21 years 2 mo | & 19 ds.

Remember me when I am gone
 Nor shed one tear around my bier
 But may we meet around God's throne.

HENRY | Son of Rufus & | Sally Hallock
 | died | May 23, 1826 | aged 7 weeks
 & 2 days.

In memory of |
HARRIET daughter of | Amos & | Eunice
 Hallock | who died | Nov 26, 1835 |
 aged 22 yrs.

When those we love are snatch'd away
 By death's resistless hand
 Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
 That friendship must demand.

In' memory of |
MARRIETTE | daughter of | Amos & Eu-
 nice | Hallock | who departed this |
 life May 16, 1831 | \AA 12 yrs.

Every pleasure is fleeting | therefore don't delay
 For the first blown rose is | the first to decay.

WEALTHY | wife of | Isaac E Hallock |
 Died | Feb 22, 1873 | \AA 60.

In a cold dark grave they have laid thee down
 And the snow on thy breast was piled
 We wept as we kissed thy cold cold lips
 Though thy look was so peaceful and mild.

Gone to the better land.

JESSE HALLOCK | Died | Jan 13, 1837 |
 \AA 73.

MARTHA | His wife Died | Oct 22, 1850
 | \AA 82.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with |
 Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life,
 shall appear | then shall ye also appear with him in
 glory. Colossians iii, 3, 4 vs.

JESSE H HALLOCK | Died | Aug 4, 1866
 | \AA 74.

JOSEPH D HALLOCK | Died | Apr 13,
 1863 | \AA 84.

Oh then dear friends my memory keep
 While in death's arms my body sleeps
 Long was my stay with you here below
 Sooner or later we all must go.

In memory of |
JOEL Son of | Benjm & | Clarissa Hal-
 lock | died | Sep 14, 1815 | \AA 10
 years.

In | memory of |
KATHARINE HALLOCK | wife of | Daniel
 Hallock | who died | Mch 8, 1831 |
 Aged 72.

In | memory of |
LUCY HALLOCK | wife of | William
 Hallock | who died Dec 28th | 1812
 Aged 49 years.

MARY HALLOCK | Born | Dec 11, 1798
 Died | Jan 14, 1870.

Lie still poor soul and take thy rest God |
 called thee home he thought it best.

SEYMOUR G | HALLOCK | Son of Amos
 and | Eunice Hallock | died | July 2f,
 1825 \AA 8 years.

There is an hour when | you must die | nor do
 you know how | soon twill come | A thousand chil-
 dren | Young as I Are called by death | to hear
 their doom.

In | memory of |
REBECCA | wife of | Solomon B Hill |
 who died April 30, 1846 | aged 36
 years.

In | memory of |
SARAH REBECCA | daughter of | Solomon
 B & | Rebecca Hill | who died | March
 4, 1846 | aged 3 mo | & 22 ds.

Although the grave becomes her bed,
 Where peacefully rests her little head
 Her ransomed spirit upward flies
 To meet her Saviour in the skies.

In | memory of |
WILLIAM HALLOCK | who died | Feb 10,
 1842 | \AA 86 years.

MARTHA G | wife of | Lewis Hart | Died
 | Apr 10, 1863 | \AA 27.

MIRY | wife of | Willis Hartwell | Died
 | June 30, 1861 | Aged 46.

HARRIET L | Wife of | Glover Hunger-
 ford | Died | Nov 27, 1850 | \AA 28 yrs.

Sweet is the sleep that here I take
 Till in Christ Jesus I awake
 Then will my happy soul rejoice
 To hear my blessed Saviour's voice.

In memory of |
ABIGAIL HUNT | Daughter of Lewis & |
 Elizabeth Hunt | who died April 26 |
 1787 in the 6 year of her age.

In memory of |
ABRAHAM HUNT | who died | April 27,
 1825 | aged 38 years.

ANN ELIZA | daughter of | Wheeler &
 Mary Hunt | died | April 7, 1861 | aged
 18 yrs | 1 mo & 5 ds.

The grave of |
BEN STARR HUNT | who Died | Sep 27,
 1851 | aged 34 yrs 4 mo & 22 ds.

How loved how valued once avails thee not
 To whom related or by whom forgot
 A heap of dust is all remains of me
 'Tis all thou art and all the proud can be.

DANIEL | son of | Kirjath A & | Anna
 Hunt | died | Dec 6, 1834 | aged 9
 years.

Monument
EDWARD | HUNT Esq | Died | Nov 13,
 1873 | \AA 87.

SOPHIA | Daughter of | Edward & | Lois
 Hunt | Died | Nov 13, 1858 | in the 40
 year | of her age.

LOIS | Wife of | Edward Hunt | Died |
 Apr 19, 1866 | \AA 75.

ELIZABETH L | Died | Nov 26, 1828 | in
 the 6 year | of her age. Also |

An Infant | Died | Dec 12, 1833.

Children of | Edward & Lois Hunt.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH | wife of | Lewis Hunt | who
 died | Dec 4, 1839 | aged 80.

In memory of |
ELIZABETH L | HUNT | daughter of |
 Edward and | Lois Hunt | who died |
 Nov 26, 1828 | aged 5 years | & 5
 months.

HARRY A HUNT | son of Abr= & | Abi-
 gail Hunt | died | July 26, 1833 | in his
 19 | year.

HENRY J | son of | Benjamin S & | Bet-
 sey E Hunt | Died | Jan 6, 1859 | aged
 18 yrs | & 22 | ds.

How short the race our friend has run
 Cut down in all his bloom
 The course but yesterday begun
 Now finished in the tomb.

HORACE D HUNT | Died | Sept 29, 1853
 | Æ 40.

Farewell my wife friends & daughters dear
 I am not dead but sleeping here
 My pains are o'er my life is past
 Prepare to meet me in heaven at last.

JOEL | son of | Kirjath A | & Anna Hunt
 | died April 12, 1828 | in the 7 year |
 of his age.

KIRJATH A HUNT | Died | Apr 20, 1873
 | Æ 82 | Anna Hunt,

In | memory of |
LAURA HUNT | wife of | John L Hunt |
 who died | March 20, 1843 | aged 22 |
 years.

In | memory of |
MR LEWIS HUNT | who died | Aug 31,
 1807 | Aged 57 years.

LOVINA | daughter of | Kirjath A & |
 Anna Hunt | died | July 11, 1843 | Æ
 7 yrs.

LUCELLA BROWN | Wife of | Edwin M
 Kellogg | Born Dec 15, 1814 | Died
 Nov 21, 1868.

Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In | memory of |
MARY ANN | wife of Curtis L | Kinney
 who died | March 25, 1843 | aged 30
 years 8 mo & 9 ds.

EVELYN E | daughter of | Andrew & |
 Mary Kidd | Died | Jan 3, 1854 | æ 9
 mo & 9 ds.

NELSON KINGSLEY | Died | June 21, 1853
 Æt 28.

FREDDIE W | son of Hiram & | Mary L
 Lake | Died | Feb 9, 1870, Æ 3 wks.

IDA H | daughter of | Hiram & | Mary L
 Lake | Died | Oct 3, 1875, Æ 2 mos.

The grave of |
SARAH MARIAH | only daughter of | Cur-
 tis & | Mirza M Lamson | who died |
 Augs 12, 1838 | aged 4 years | 6 months
 & 8 days.

She died ere her expanding soul
 Had ever burnt with wrong desires
 Had ever spurned at Heaven's control
 Or ever quenched its sacred fires.

The grave of |

ISAAC AMOS | only son of Curtis E & |
 Mirza M Lamson | who died | Aug 12,
 1838 | aged 1 year 2 months & 16 days.

They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and
 in their death they were not divided.

In memory of |

ELLEN LOUISA | daughter of | George H
 and | Sarah A Lawrence | who died |
 Sep 13, 1846 | aged 4 years 5 ms | and
 5 ds.

Suffer little children to come | unto me, and for-
 bid them not | for of such is the Kingdom of
 Heaven.

CLARINDA | wife of | George Lewis |
 Died | March 11, 1831, Æ 40.

EBEN LEWIS | Died | Aug 7, 1841 | aged
 85.

HENRY R LEWIS | Died | June 5, 1851 |
 Æ 20 yrs.

Erected to | the memory of |

SARAH JANE LEWIS | Wife of | Egbert
 Linebergh | who died | at Kingston |
 Ulster Co N Y | March 18, 1842 | in
 the 23 year of her age.

(Mother)

BETSEY A SULLIVAN | wife of | William
 A Lewis | Died July 2, 1867 | Æ 45.

ALFRED LOVERIDGE | Died | Oct 6, 1872
 | Æ 82.

LOVERIDGE |

HULDAH wife of | Alfred Loveridge |
 Died | June 27, 1822 | Æ 28.

GEORGE | son of | Alfred & | Huldah
 Loveridge | Died | Oct 30, 1863 | Æ
 52.

ELIJAH LOVERIDGE | Died | Nov 1, 1852
 Æt 32.

NATHAN G LOVERIDGE | Died | Oct 21,
 1851 | Æt 17.

MARY ESTHER | Wife of | Curtis Lover-
 idge | Died | June 23, 1840 | Aged 28
 years.

GELONIA L | daughter of | Morris A &
 Harriet E Lyon | Died | Oct 4, 1850
 aged 1 yr 2 mo | & 15 ds.

Lovely bud too pure to bloom
 In earth's polluted air
 Transplanted in a Heavenly clime
 To bloom and flourish there.

MARION R | Daughter of | Seth S and
 Rocelia A Lyon | Died | Oct 2, 1845 |
 Æt 4 weeks.

THALIA E | Daughter of | Seth S Lyon |
 Died Sept 5, 1851 | Æt 1 yr 10 mos
 & 5 Ds.

Our Father who loved her hath taken her home
 Where pain and sickness can never come
 The glory of Heaven beams over her brow
 She seeth her Father and loveth him now.

SETH S LYON | Died | Oct 21, 1850 | Æt
 35.

LEWIS D | son of | David and | Char-
lotte | McBath | Died | Jan 26, 1856 |
Æ 1 year 3 mo | & 10 Ds.

Sleep on sweet babe
And take thy rest
God called thee home
He thought it best.

ASHER MALLETT | Died | March 4, 1881
| Æ 84.

HARRIETT | His wife Died Æ.

ITHAMAR MALLETT | Died | March 25,
1831 | Æt 30.

LOUISA | wife of Ithamar Mallett | Died
| June 11, 1881 | Æt 81.

MADISON J MALLETT | Died | June 8,
1855 | Æt 27.

O son forever loved forever dead
What fruitless tears have bathed thy honored bier
Could sighs avert cold death's relentless sway
Could youth and virtue claim a short delay
Thou still hadst lived to bless my aching sight
Thy mother's honor and thy friends' delight.

MATTHEW MALLETT | Died Oct 14, 1822
| Aged 52 years.

ANNA Relict of | Matthew Mallett | Died
Oct 19, 1822 | Aged 58 years.

In memory of |

SALLY A | daughter of | Isaac & Mary
Monson | who died | Jan 1, 1824
Aged 12 days.

In | memory of |

ABEL MERWIN Esq | who died | March
24, 1823 | Aged 72 years.

AMOS M MERWIN | Born Apr 5, 1821 |
Died | Mar 31, 1852.

On the threshold of manhood he made | but one
step unto death leaving a sp | act which no one can
fill.

In | memory of |

CHARLES SIDNEY | son of Herman | &
Lucy Merwin | who died Oct 13 | 1811
Æ 3 years | & 4 months.

DANIEL MERWIN | Born | June 3, 1784 |
Died | Jan 27, 1849.

In memory of

DELIA MARIA | Daughter of | Herman &
Lucy | Merwin who | Died Nov 16 |
1813 Æ 1 year 6 | months & 18 days.

HERMAN MERWIN | Born Dec 13, 1777 |
Died | March 7, 1857.

Sweet rest in heaven.

HOMER R MERWIN | Died | Feb. 26,
1878 | Æ 62.

LAURA MERWIN | wife of | Daniel Mer-
win | Born | Sept 8, 1792 | Died | Feb
5, 1826.

MRS LURENA MERWIN | Born | May 16,
1794 | Died | Decr 15, 1861.

I am the resurrection | and the life. John 11 25.
In a moment in the twinkling | of an eye the
trumpet shall | sound and the dead shall be | raised
incorruptible. 1 Cor 15 52.

LUCY | wife of | Herman Merwin | Born
Feb 2, 1783 | Died | May 18, 1869.

In memory of |

Mr NOBLE MERWIN | Son of Mr Abel &
Mrs Rebekah Merwin | who died June
14 | A D 1801 in the 27th | year of his
age.

In memory of |

MRS REBEKAH | wife of Mr Abel Mer-
win | who died Sept 7th A D 1800 in
the 45th | year of her age.

ANNA | the wife of | Stephen More-
house | who departed this life | March
31st, A D 1805 | In the 61st year | of
her age.

In | memory of |

BENJAMIN | MOREHOUSE | who died |
May 6, 1846 | aged 86 years.

In | memory of |

DANIEL MOREHOUSE | who died | April
19, 1812 | Æt 44.

In memory of |

PHEBE wife of | John Morehouse | who
departed this life | Feb 20, 1807 in the |
70 year of her age.

Farewell my friends and children dear
My soul to God now must appear
Are you prepared for that solemn day
It is a debt we all must pay.

In memory of |

JOHN MOREHOUSE | who died May 25,
1824 | in the 85 year | of his age.

In memory of |

DANIEL B | son of Leman and | Betsey
Morehouse | who died Aug 29 | 1825
aged 1 year | and 9 months.

DANIEL HART | son of | Joel & Eleanor
B | Morehouse | Died | June 11, 1837 |
in his 4th year.

ELIZA | relict of | Minor Morehouse |
Died | June 3, 1869 | Æt 68.

ELIZA | Daughter of | Seymour and |
Harriet Morehouse | Died | July 29,
1853 | Æ 25.

ARTHUR & FANNIE E | children | of Levi
& | Cornelia J | Morehouse.

Little Innocence
Gods will be done.

In | memory of Widow

ELIZABETH SMITH | formerly wife of
Daniel Morehouse | who died | July 22,
1841 | in the 68 year | of her age.

HARRIET | wife of | Jabesh Morehouse |
Died | July 21, 1871 Æ 71.

In | memory of |

HANNAH | adopted daughter of | Ben-
jamin & | Jane Morehouse who died
Jan 16, 1827 | in her 21 year.

HANNAH E | wife of | Lyman F More-
house | Died | Jan 5, 1869 Æ 24.

HELEN | Daughter of | Jabesh and Harriet | Morehouse | Died | Feb 26, 1865 | Æ 24.

HENRY MOREHOUSE | Died | April 3, 1873 | aged 46 yrs | & 6 mo.

In memory of | an Infant | son of Minor & | Eliza Morehouse | who died | June 9, 1825.

In | memory of |
ISAAC MOREHOUSE | who died | Sep 15, 1838 | aged 44 years.

Dear friends be wise its time to know
The fading state of things below
O seek the Lord with every breath
And always be prepared for death.

JABESH MOREHOUSE | Died | Dec 4, 1876 | Æ 79.

In memory of |
JABEZ MOREHOUSE | who died | Feb 27, 1830 | in the 55 year | of his age.

JAIR MOREHOUSE | Died | August 26, 1837 | aged 56.

ELIZABETH | His Wife | Died | March 16, 1878 | aged 92.

In | memory of |
JANE MOREHOUSE | wife of | Benjamin Morehouse | who died | Sept 13, 1830 | aged 68 years.

In memory of |
JOHN MOREHOUSE | who died | Sep 22, 1837 | aged 67 years.

JOEL MOREHOUSE | Born Oct 9, 1797 | Died June 8, 1864.

ELEANOR B | His Wife | Born Sept 9, 1804 | Died —.

In memory of |
THANKFUL | 2nd wife of | John Morehouse | who died | Dec 19, 1837 | aged 75 years.

In | memory of |
LEMAN MOREHOUSE | who died | April 21, 1838 | in the 42 year | of his age.

LUESA MOREHOUSE | wife of | James F Boice | Daughter of | Jabesh & Harriet Morehouse | Died | July 21, 1856 | Æ 28.

MARY E | only daughter of | Joel & Eleanor B | Morehouse | Died | Dec 7, 1849 | in her 22 year.

MINOR MOREHOUSE | Died | Nov 25, 1851 | Æ 50.

POLLY | Daughter of | Seymour and | Harriet Morehouse | Died | June 28, 1848 | Æ 14.

Sleep quiet here dear child
Death cant us long divide
A few more rolling suns
Will lay us by your side.

In memory of |
SARAH | wife of | John Morehouse | who died | May 5, 1840 | aged 74 years.

In | memory of |
SARAH Daughter of | Stephen & Sarah | Morehouse | who departed this life | Nov 5th, 1789 | Æ 25.

SEYMOUR MOREHOUSE | Died | Apr 8, 1865 | Aged 66.

HARRIET MOREHOUSE | Died | Mar 22, 1861 | Aged 52.

SMITH MOREHOUSE | Died | April 6, 1853 | Æ 15.

In | memory of |
STEPHEN MOREHOUSE | who died April 26, 1817 | in the 84 year | of his age.

He was one of the earliest | ablest and most zealous | supporters of the church | in New Preston.

WALTER MOREHOUSE | died July 11, 1878 | Æ 34.

In | memory of |
JANE NEARING | Born | June 18, 1771 | Died | March 21, 1855.

CYRUS | son of | Harlow H & | Sylvia Newton | died | Feb 26, 1832 | aged 7 weeks.

In | memory of |
ANN wife of | Abner Osborn | who died | June 4 | 1832 | aged 76 years.

MARTIN | son of | Patrick | & Laura C | O'Brien | died | June 17, 1848 | Æ 2 ds.

PATRICK O'BRIEN | Died | Feb 22, 1863 | Aged 46.

ALMON | son of Abraham | & Lydia Peet | died April 28, 1855 | aged 2 years.

In | memory of |
ALVIRA | daughter of | Ashbill & Phebe | Peet who died | April 14, 1826 | Æ 3 months.

EUNICE W PEET | Died | Aug 30, 1864 | Æ 57 yrs & 7 mo.

In | memory of |
LYDIA | wife of | Abraham Peet | who died | Jan 13, 1866 | aged 84 years.

MARY E | daughter of | Alanson & Mary L Peet | Died | Sept 12, 1864 | Æ 5 yrs & 5 mo.

Bring flowers and lay them gently
On Mary Eliza's breast
She blooms a flower in Paradise
The angel's chosen guest.

PHEBE | wife of | Ashbil Peet | Died | Apr 24, 1865 | Æ 66.

In | memory of |
SALLY | wife of | Ethel Peet | who died | Oct 10, 1862 | Æ 87.

In memory of |
MRS SARAH PEET | who died April 18th, 1801 | in the 50th year of her | age.

Our life how short and frail
How vain is earthly trust
Our fondest expectations fail
Laid prostrate in the dust.

In | memory of |
ELNATHAN PEET | who died May 23,
1819 | aged 46.

Weep not for me my friends though dear
I am not dead but sleeping here
My debt is paid my grave you see
Prepare for death & follow me.

In | memory of |
SARAH L | daughter of | Abraham & |
Lydia Peet | who died | May 5, 1832 |
aged 13 yrs.

In | memory of |
WILLIAM R PHELPS | who died | Jan 15,
1830 | aged 61 years.

WILLIAM POOL | Died | Oct 9, 1840 |
aged 44.

AMANDA | wife of | Henry Platt | Born |
Sept 11, 1800 | Died Sept 6, 1864.

AURELIA H | daughter of | Fowler and
Catharine Platt | Died | Jan. 28, 1872,
Aged 64.

CATHARINE wife of Fowler Platt | Died |
Nov. 2, 1852 | Aged 81 years.

EDGAR | son of Henry & | Amanda Platt
| died | Sept. 19, 1839 | Aged. 2 years
& 11 months.

EDWIN E | son of | Sherman & | Mary
E. Platt | Born July 20, 1856 | Died
Sept. 12, 1864.

FOWLER M. PLATT | Died | July 10,
1837 | aged 64 years.

GRANDERSON | son of Henry & | Aman-
da Platt | died | March 9, 1835 | aged 1
year | & 10 months.

HENRY PLATT | Born | June 16, 1797 |
Died | Nov. 30, 1869.

ORSON | son of Henry & | Amanda Platt
| died | Oct. 8, 1839 | aged 11 years.

SHERMAN PLATT | Died | April 26, 1872
| AEt. 50.

DAVID REYNOLDS | Died | June 26,
1838 | AEt. 71 yrs. Also his wife |

JANE died | June 30, 1834 | AEt 68 years.
ERASTUS REYNOLDS | Died | Sept 20
1833 | Aged 44.

In | memory of |
JOSIAH REYNOLDS | who died | Sept. 6,
1820 | Aged 34 years.

The year rolls round and steals away
The breath that first it gave;
What e'er we do, where e'er we be,
We're hast'ning to the grave.

In | memory of |
LUCY REYNOLDS | Daughter of David |
& Jane Reynolds | Who Died March 15
| A.D. 1801 Age one year | & 5 months.

O Parents dear forbear to weep
For me while sweetly here I sleep
I'm call'd from here to worlds above
Prepare to meet the child you love.

JOSEPHINE | daughter of Erastus | &
Elizabeth Reynolds | Died | Nov. 28,
1828 | aged 7 years.

GEORGE | son of | Caleb & | Caroline
Sawyer | Died | Aug 28, 1848 | aged 9
years.

HARRIET SCOTT | Died | Oct. 20, 1855 |
Aet. 37.

In | memory of |
JOHN SCHEMERHORN | son of Cornelius
& | Matelda Schemerhorn | who died
April 2d, 1788 | being in the Ninth
| month of his age.

SYLVIA | Wife of | Burton Shove | Born
| Nov. 20, 1830 | Died | Feb. 6, 1869.
There is rest in Heaven.

ARTHUR | died Jan 26, 1863 | AEt 2
months.

FRANCIS E | died Oct 4, 1864, AEt 9
months.

VISTA | Daughter of | Burton and | Syl-
via Shove | Died | March 13, 1877 |
AEt 10 ys & 6 mo.

Our | Father & Mother |
SILAS H SMITH | Died | March 3, 1869
AEt 77.

ELIZABETH | His wife | Died | 18 AEt

In | memory of |
BENJAMIN STONE | Jr who died April 11,
| 1823 | Aged 62.

BENJAMIN STONE | Died | Nov. 20, 1852
| AEt 54.

MRS THALIA STONE | wife of Benjamin
Stone | died April 19, 1812 | aged 37
years.

FRED G STRAIGHT | Born | Aug 13, 1846
| Died | June 5, 1878.

HENRY G STRAIGHT | Born Nov 23,
1842 | killed at the battle of Cold Har-
bor Va. June 2, 1864.

ORRIN B STRAIGHT | Born Feb 18, 1850
| Died at Columbia Texas | Nov 27,
1878.

MARY | Wife of | Marshall Straight |
Died | Sept 15, 1862 | AEt 44.

FREDDIE W | son of | Jacob & | Lucy E
Straub | died | May 29, 1862 | AEt 4
yrs 8 mos & 10 ds.

Sweet is the sleep of the innocent.

INFANT | daughter of | Jacob & | Lucy
Straub | died | Jan 7, 1845, aged 16
days.

ELIZA | Wife of | Henry Swift | Died |
July 17, 1849 | AEt 25.

CHARLES | their son died | Sept 25, 1849.

Swift I ascend the heavenly place
And hasten to my home
I leap to meet thy kind embrace
I come, O Lord I come.

MINERVA SOMERS | Died | Apr 21, 1832
| Æt 29.

ORMON SOMERS | Died | Oct 25, 1877 |
Aged 84 years.

We miss thee dear mother.
LUCINDA | Wife of | John Soule | Born
July 11, 1803 | Died June 18, 1876.

Blessed Jesus.

OLIVE | Daughter of | John & | Lucinda
Soule | Died | Mar 19, 1855 | Æ 8 yrs.

Let blooming youth behold this stone
And not pass heedless by
But leave me in the hands of God
And prepare yourself to die.

In | memory of |
GIDEON STARR | Who Died | Sept 10,
1847 | aged 84 years.

Mark the perfect man & behold the | upright | for
the end of that man is peace.

In | memory of |
LUCY STARR | Wife of | Gideon Starr |
Who Died | July 2, 1838 Aged 76
years.

In memory of |
ALESEBETH STONE | Wife to Benjamin
Stone jr Who Departed | this life May
the 9th, 1800 | Aged 37 years.

Walk home my friends | try up your tears
Here I must lyo, Till Christ appears.

In | memory of |
HULDAH Wife of | Benjamin Stone |
Who died Jan 3, 1838 | Aged 68 years.

INFANT | son of | Henry & Annis A
Swift | Died | May 14, 1868 | Æ 4 mo.

Sleep loving babe and take thy rest
God called thee home
He thought it best.

ABIGAIL H TAYLOR | Born Sept 19, 1805
| Died Feb 2, 1863

Thy memory still lives.

Wife of W M Morse.

WILLIAM MORSE | Born in Derby Ct |
May 20, 1801.

ARIETT C MORSE | Born Dec 2, 1830.

DANIEL S TAYLOR | Died Dec 3, 1864 |
Aged 21 years.

(LITTLE CHARLIE) | son of Thomas and
Sarah Taylor | Died Aug 3, 1869 |
Aged 4 YE 3 Mo & | 2 DA.

MARY R | wife of | S Nelson Taylor |
Died | April 19, 1845 | Æ 30.

NATHANIEL TAYLOR | Died | Sept 7,
1851 | Æ 78.

THALIA STILSON | Wife of | Nathaniel
Taylor | Died | Oct 18, 1862 | Æt 85.

THOMAS TAYLOR | Died | Dec 27, 1841
| Æ 73.

JOHN MILTON | son of | William and
Esther A Toohy | Died | May 28, 1863,
Æ 2 years.

MARY WHEATON | Daughter of | Wil-
liam and | Esther A Toohy | Died |
Jan 7, 1863 | Æ 4 years.

In memory of |

ANNA TUCKER | Daughter of Mr |
Uriah and Mrs Eu | nice Tucker She
| died Sept 20, 1795 | in the 18 year |
of her age.

CLARINDA | Wife of Eli Tucker | Died
July 24, | 1860 | Aged 80.

ELI TUCKER | Died | July 26, 1834 |
Aged 49.

EUNICE | relict of | Uriah Tucker | died
Feb 8, 1820 | aged 76.

In memory of |

MRS HANNAH TUCKER | wife of Uriah
Tucker | Jun who died Aug 23d |
1806 Aged 35.

HEBRON | son of Eli & | Clarinda Tucker
| died | Jan 18, 1824 | aged 5 months.

In memory of |

REUBEN son of | Eli & | Clarinda Tucker
| Who died | June 28, 1816 | aged 3
months.

URIAH TUCKER | Died | May 11, 1817 |
Æt 83.

WILLIAM | son of Eli & | Clarinda
Tucker | Died Nov. 4, 1821 | aged 9
months.

In memory | of |

HARRIOT | daughter of Mr | Samuel &
Mrs Electa | Wakelee who died | June
20, 1804 Æ | 4 years & 8 months.

Walker (monument)

HIRAM WALKER | Died | Feb 3, 1878 |
Aged 78 years.

ALBERT WALKER | son of | Hiram & |
Alma Walker | Member of Co D 7th
Conn Vols | Died | on Morris Island |
Sept 1, 1863 | Aged 18 years & 5 mos.

ALMA WALKER | Wife of | Hiram
Walker | Died | —

LEVINA | daughter of | Hiram & | Alma
Walker | Died | Nov 14, 1846 | aged
3 yrs. 6 mo. | & 14 days.

ISABELLA | Daughter of | Wellington &
Susan Watson | Died | April 2, 1847
| Æ 3 years.

WELLINGTON | Son of | Wellington &
Susan Watson | Died | April 5, 1847 |
Æ 3 months.

In | memory of |

OLIVE JANETT | Wife of | Henry Wil-
cox | who died | July 1, 1833 | aged 23
years.

OLIVE | Wife of | Hezekiah Whitehead
| and | William Hallock | Died | Dec
26, 1867 | Æ 96. |

In | memory of |
JANE C Wife of | **David T Whitehead** |
 & daughter of | **Amos & Eunice Hal-**
lock | who died April 13, 1837 | aged
 25 years.

The dust returns to dust as it | was, and the
 spirit to God who gave | it, but the trumpet shall
 sound and | the dead shall be raised.

To the memory of
ADELIA S | daughter of | **Myron B & |**
Nancy Wheaton | who died Aug 31,
 1843 | in the 17 year | of her age.

ELLEN WHEATON | Wife of | **Daniel W**
Patterson | Died | Dec 23, 1867 | **Æt**
 29 yrs & 3 mo.

Sacred | to the memory of |
ESEK WHEATON | who died | June 2,
 1830 | Aged 82.

Sacred | to the memory of |
EUNICE relict of | **Esek Wheaton** | who
 died | May 19, 1832 | Aged 79.

FLORA A | Died | Jan 19, 1856 | Aged |
 27 yrs.

ELLEN G | Died | May 13, 1853 | Aged
 21 yrs. | Daughters of **Myron B &**
Nancy | **Wheaton**.

Gillie | gone Home. |

GILBERT WHEATON | Son of | **Ralph &**
Elvira | **Buckingham** | Died | Sept 8,
 1864 | **Æt** 8 yrs.

I would not live away |
 I ask not to stay.

HARRIET E | Wife of **Marvin Wheaton**
 | Died May 11, 1865 | **Æt** 70.

LUCINA | Wife of | **Silvester S Wheaton**
 | Died | January 3, 1867 | **Æt** 59.

LITTLE LUCY | Daughter of | **Joseph &**
Elizabeth | **Watson** | Died | April 10,
 1862 | Aged 2 yrs 10 mos & 17 ds.

Yet not forever in the dust
 This beauteous Bud shall lie
 No In the garden of the Just
 Beneath God's Glorious Eye We Trust
 'Twill Bloom Again on High.

ASHBEL PEET | Died | Mar 28, 1868 | **Æt**
 76.

1788 | In memory of two Infants |
 Sons of Mr **Silvester** and | Mrs **Mercy**
Wheaton who | Died at their birth the
 | First was born October | the 7th,
 1781, the second Oc | tober the 20th,
 1785.

Here lie our two dear sons
 Their bodies laid to rest
 And in the Resurrection
 Will rise among the blest.

JARED S WHEATON | Died | March 31,
 1850 | **Æt** 53.

In | memory of |
JOSEPH WHEATON | son of **Esek** and |
Eunice Wheaton | who died Feb 1,
 1813 | aged 31 years.

In | memory of |
MRS LYDIA WHEATON | relict of | Mr
Joseph Wheaton | who died | Oct 24,
 1813 | Aged 93.

In memory | of |
JOSEPH WHEATON | one of the first set-
 tlers of Newpreston who Dep | arted
 this Life March the | 6 AD 1789 in the
 72d Year | of his Age.

I once was active | in the busy world |
 Till Fatal Death | his pointed arrows hurled |
 And plunged me in | this dreary vaulted tomb
 Where you my wife | and children dear must
 quickly come.

To | the memory of |
MARCY wife of | **Sylvester Wheaton** |
 who died | Jan 15, A D 1813 | aged 56
 years | & 5 months.

MARIA | Wife of | **J S Wheaton** | Died
 | Aug 28, 1859 | **Æt** 53.

MARILLA WHEATON | Died | Oct 23,
 1877 Aged 87 yrs.

MARVIN WHEATON | Died | Oct 6, 1860
 | **Æt** 66.

To the | memory of |
NANCY wife of | **Myron B Wheaton** |
 who died | July 13, 1838 | in the 39 year
 | of her age.

Wheaton Monument

NATHANIEL S WHEATON | Died | March
 18, 1862 | Aged 69 years & 7 mo.

President of | Trinity College, Hartford.
 The deceased was | Rector of Christ's Church,
 Hartford | and Christ's Church | New Orleans.

Sacred | to the | memory of |
ORANGE WHEATON | who died | Dec 9,
 1831 Aged 74.

Sacred | to the | memory of |
SARAH Wife of | **Orange Wheaton** | who
 died | Aug 10, 1824 | Aged 64 years. |

Blessed are the dead
 Who die in the Lord.

SILVESTER S WHEATON | Died | April
 12, 1853 | **Æt** 58.

SUSANNA | Wife of **Orange Wheaton** and
 former wife of **Silas Tracy** | Died Jan
 8, 1854 | aged 90.

To | the memory of |
SILVESTER WHEATON | who died | Nov
 27, A D 1835 | aged 83 years | & 4
 months.

LURANCY | daughter of | **Hiram & | Lucy**
Wicks | died | Dec 15 1838 | **Æt** 7
 weeks.

Sleep gentle bud thy trouble is o'er |
 Thy bosom rest shall be disturbed no more.

ESTHER A | Wife of | **William Toohy** |
 Daughter of | **Myron B & | Nancy**
Wheaton | Died | Aug 16, 1878 | **Æt** 43.

MARY C | son of | Curtis & Fanny E. Winters | Died | Oct 11, 1850 | Aged 18. Early this lovely flower did fade Untimely wrapt in death's dark shade An only son to parents dear, In life's gay morn lies buried here.	SOPHIA ELIZABETH | Daughter of | Marcus & Julia Wooden | Died | June 27, 1847 | Aged 1 year & 1 month. Farewell thou cherished one death's pang is o'er Thy every sorrow here on earth shall cease Parents thou'lt meet her on that blissful shore Where death ne'er enters and where all is peace.
CHARLES H | son of Curtis & Fanny Winters | died | June 19, 1837 | aged 1 year & 6 mo. My brother & my sister too Charles you will never see Until our Father calls you home Then weep no more for me.	ALGORA E | Wife of | George N Woodruff | died | Nov 16, 1855 | aged 19 years.

Marbledale.

Joseph Wheaton from Seakonk, Rhode Island, was the first permanent settler at this locality, in the town of New Milford. He married **Lydia Kent**, of Barrington, Mass. He purchased of **Paul Welch**, July 6, 1744, "a tract of land in New Milford, near to the northeast corner of the old township, being near 130 acres, bounded as follows: beginning at the southwest corner a large heap of stones" thence "northerly with a highway to the northwest corner, thence running easterly to a heap of stones on **Woodbury line**, thence south with said line to a stake," thence westerly to the first mentioned corner. This land was surveyed to **Paul Welch** some years before, and his brother **John**, now deceased, had land laid to him between this of **Paul Welch's** and the northern boundary of the old township.

This tract of land lay east of the highway, and a little distance north of the present dwelling of **Mr. Ralph Buckingham** at **Marbledale**, and on it he built a house twenty rods, perhaps, back from the highway, but afterwards built one near the road, which locality is still known as the old **Wheaton homestead**. This land was in the old township of **New Milford** and not in the north purchase.

Seven days after **Joseph Wheaton** bought this land his first child, **Lydia**, was born, but its mother was not, probably, in **New Milford**; the next child, **Joseph**, was born in **New Milford**.

The tradition is that **Joseph Wheaton** when he settled here made his home some time with the first **Daniel Hine** near what is now **Park Lane**, because there was no family in the vicinity of his farm.

Joseph Wheaton's dwelling-house and all papers were burned some years after the second one was completed and hence, the the scarcity of the family records. The births of seven of his

children are on the town records but nowhere else. He died early, but his widow survived him many years and was among the honored ones in the seating of the meeting-house at New Milford after her husband's decease.

In 1759, Joseph Wheaton bought another farm of about 120 acres adjoining his on the south, which was that whereon Mr. Ralph Buckingham now resides.

Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., appears to have settled about 1760, on the East Aspetuck, below Marbledale Store, in the vicinity where now is the Morehouse Cabinet Shop. His descendants remained in the vicinity many years. He adhered to the Episcopal Church under the Rev. Thomas Davies.

Eli Taylor appears to have settled in the same locality with Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., at the same time, and they may have been brothers.

Isaiah Bunce came later and established a blacksmith's shop, near the site of the marble shop in Marbledale, and beside the usual iron work for farmers, he made knives and forks and many other implements for household use, and especially during the Revolution.

The Marble Quarries of Marbledale.

There is a ledge of marble extending in a southwesterly direction, in the valley, on the east side of the East Aspetuck River, crossing the Housatonic at the Little Falls, and continuing into Brookfield, where the same ledge affords limestone in considerable quantities. At what time these quarries began to be worked is not definitely known, but some of the oldest tombstones from these quarries are nearly one hundred years old; and in some houses erected in Revolutionary times there have been found beautiful clouded marble facings, to fireplaces, which are said to have been obtained near the mill at the Little Falls. The rock in this ledge is said to be too much broken to be quarried with profit. About 1820 and 30, the Aspetuck valley was very much astir with saw-mills for sawing marble tombstones, specially, there having been about twenty of these mills between Warau-maug Lake and Northville. There are now but three or four, and these obtain their marble material from other places than this town. The rock here, in general, has too much lime in it to be durable as desired for tombstones.

About the year 1800 Philo Tomlinson, of Derby, and Samuel Bassett of New Preston opened a quarry on land of the latter a short distance northeast of the Rectory in Marbledale and built a mill where the mill of the late George W. Cogswell now stands, said to have been the first stone saw-mill erected in the state of Connecticut. Philo Tomlinson was the inventor of the automatic feeder by which sand and water were applied to the saws while in operation. Mr. Tomlinson, with his sons Abijah and Eliphalet, soon after removed to New Preston and opened a quarry on land belonging to Orange Wheaton in company with Christopher Allen, about the same time a quarry was opened on land of Gideon Starr by Capt. John B. Allen, who was succeeded by Medad S. Goodsell who prosecuted the business with energy and success. Sylvester S. Wheaton had a quarry connected with the Tomlinson quarry, and the Tomlinson Wheaton and Allen Goodsell quarries were more extensively worked than any others.

The following were among those who were engaged in this business : Jabez and Cyrus Morehouse, Nathaniel, Thomas, and Nathan Taylor, William Morse, Elisha and Geo. W. Cogswell, Reuben Bolles and Sons, and several others of New Preston.

Quarries were opened on the land of the late Elijah Gaylord and A. N. Baldwin of Northville, and on land now belonging to E. Stone of Park Lane. Sawed stones were sold and delivered through Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and some in Ohio and in New Orleans ; at which time these quarries of New Preston had a national reputation. It was remarked by the Hon. Perry Smith, while United States Senator, in referring to the universal knowledge of Henry Clay : " He knew more about the marble quarries of New Preston than I did."

At present the quarries are not worked, although several shops are in operation in cutting marble obtained elsewhere. One of these is the Messrs. Bolles of New Preston ; another is the venerable William Morse who came with the Tomlinsons from Derby, who has been perhaps the most of an artist of any who ever carried on the business in this region. Another place where the work is still continued is F. Watson Morehouse, and Ralph Morehouse, who succeeded to the business of their father

in the lower part of Marbledale. John Morehouse (father of the above) was quite extensively engaged in the marble business. His old mill is still standing, but quite useless.

The son, Mr. Ralph Morehouse, is now engaged in what is properly called cemetery work, and this in all forms, but the marble is brought from Vermont.

St. Andrew's Church in Marbledale.

As seen in the chapter on New Preston, among the early settlers of that place were persons who adhered to the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Thomas Davies baptized a number of children in that place during the years 1764 and 1765; and held several services there during that time.

In a letter dated June 25, 1764, Mr. Davies says: "In New Preston, a parish in Kent, they have most of the material for building a church which they determine to erect next summer, forty-five by thirty-five feet." In another letter dated June, 1765, he wrote: "The church I mentioned, which was to be erected this last spring in New Preston, is postponed until the next on account of the people's incapacity; not that they are so distressingly poor, but because there is no money in circulation." It is probable this church edifice was erected soon after, and stood on land now owned by Mr. George S. Holt, a short distance east from Mr. David Burnham's store in the village of New Preston.

The parish records of St. Andrew's Church begin at a meeting held under the Act of the General Assembly, as to the organization of religious bodies, directed by William Cogswell, justice of the peace. On June 24, 1784, John Hitchcock, Esqr., moderator, Stephen Morehouse was chosen clerk, and sworn according to law, and Sylvester Wheaton, Jerod Sperry, and Peter Porter, were chosen society's committee.

"At a meeting warned and held June 26, 1784, the inhabitants of New Preston and East-Witch [Warren] of the denomination of the Church of England so called parishes, having formed themselves into a lawful society according to the late act of the General Assembly of this state of Connecticut:

We, the subscribers whose names are underwritten, being desirous for the promoting religion and good order, do acknowl-

edge ourselves to be and belong to the above said body ; and do by these presents form and incorporate into said society, as witness our hands."

From the town of New Milford :

Stephen Morehouse,	Thaddeus Peet, Jr.,
Benjamin Morehouse,	Samuel Peet,
Stephen Morehouse, Jr.,	George Peet,
Abel Bostwick,	Samuel W. Peet,
Ichabod Bostwick,	David Peet,
Zachariah Bostwick,	Joseph Peet,
Joseph Bostwick,	Ebenezer Pickett,
Ebenezer Bostwick,	Gillead Sperry,
Reuben Dayton,	Julius Stone,
Eli Dayton,	Philo Sperry,
Samuel Hill,	Benajah Stone,
Samuel Hill, Jr.,	Jerod Sperry,
John Jones,	Daniel Stone,
Elizur Hendryees,	Uriah Pickett,
Jonathan Hill,	Esek Wheaton,
Thaddeus Peet,	

From the township of Kent :

John Handford,	Daniel Owen,
Dosert Handford,	Peabody Smith,
Michael Barlow,	Elijah Waller,
John Peet,	Daniel Hill.
Abel Turrell,	

From the township of Washington :

Nathaniel Bozworth, Jr.,	Joseph Wheaton,
Jabez Bozworth,	Sylvester Wheaton,
Joseph Bozworth,	Orange Wheaton,
James Bozworth,	Caleb Rude,
James Baker, Jr.,	John Rude,
Isaiah Bunce,	Lestor Rude,
Robert Dickenson,	Jonah Rude,
Ebenezer Lacey,	David Mecker,
Isaac Lacey,	Iezekiah Beardsley,
Daniel Bunnell,	John Parkus.

From the township of Warren :

John Barns,	Samuel Morris, Jr.,
Park Beaman,	Peter Porter,
John Hitchcock,	Benjamin Saunders,
Asahel Hitchcock,	Ethel Peet,
Samuel Littlefield,	James Mosher.

Test, a true record from the assignments,

STEPHEN MOREHOUSE, *Register.*"

At a meeting held at the Church in New Preston, Aug. 23, 1784, Capt. Peter Porter, moderator.

"Voted to hire preaching or some candidate to read prayers according to our subscription. For collectors :—Samuel Littlefield, for East Greenwich and the Great Hollow [Warren and Kent Hollow], Jesse Baker for Washington, David Peet for New Milford."

The Rev. Richard Clarke had charge of this parish in Connecticut with New Milford and other places after the death of the Rev. Thomas Davies, from 1767 to 1783 ; and some difficulty arose between the parish and Mr. Clark, so that they "voted that Sylvester Wheaton be a committee to carry on the suit with Mr. Clark, and to employ an attorney on our behalf." The question of difference seems to have been as to Mr. Clark's salary, for the parish in 1785 appointed Sylvester Wheaton, Samuel Littlefield, Elijah Waller, Israel Sperry, and John Peet, a committee "to treat with Mr. Clark and to settle with him from December, 1767, to December, 1783," if they could, but in the effort they failed, and hence the suit, of which we have no further information.

During the Revolutionary War, such was the feeling towards the Church of England, here, that it was necessary for the preservation of the Church to discontinue services and board up the windows, as some thought it a display of patriotism to throw stones through the windows and otherwise injure the building, and services were held occasionally at private houses. There is no evidence of disloyalty to the colonies on the part of the church. Two sons of Joseph Wheaton, a leading member of this parish, were in the war, and they, Benjamin and Joseph, Jr., were soldiers and were taken prisoners and suffered all the horrors of imprisonment in New York, during its occupancy by the British. Upon the entrance of the American army into that city their brother Sylvester Wheaton, going to assist them home, carried one brother in his arms out of the city, and leaving him to go for the other, on his return found the first one dead, and the other did not live to return home.

The Rev. Ashbel Baldwin was the first settled minister after the organization under the statute law, after the Revolution.

The parish was connected with the parishes of Washington,

Kent, New Milford, and New Fairfield, as a vote taken Sept. 1, 1787, shows the laying of a tax of two pence on the pound "to be used in connection with those parishes, or otherwise as the committee see best for us in general."

At a society's meeting, April 6, 1790, "Voted that the societies belonging to New Preston will assist Mr. Elijah Waller in trying a suit at law with the Washington collectors for taking Waller's money for the Presbyterian Order, and bear the cost and counsel that shall arise before a single justice of the peace, and if judgment shall come out in his favor the money shall be cast into the treasury of New Preston."

"October 29, 1790. Voted to raise twenty-eight pounds lawful money—the two-thirds in produce, the one-third in money for the support of the Rev. Truman Marsh, provided he will hold himself to be our incumbent, the same to be paid to Mr. Marsh by the first of January annually." Mr. Marsh was their Rector until October 31, 1799; residing in New Milford and serving the Episcopal Church at that place during the same time.

At a meeting held Jan. 2, 1791, soon after Mr. Marsh's settlement here, they voted that the standing committee should go with James Bozworth, Sylvester Wheaton, and Stephen Morehouse, and view the church to see what alterations it was best to make, and in accordance with the report they voted to "lower the church to one tier of windows, proportionable to a handsome conveniency with one front gallery, as Messrs. James Bozworth and Sylvester Wheaton shall say." At that time New Preston Hill was the more important place, and soon a committee was appointed to place a stake not over forty rods from the Rev. Mr. Day's meeting-house, as a location on which to build a church or to which to remove the old one.

In 1793, the first record is made about buying the Friends' meeting-house which stood at the north end of the Northville burying-place. This was the one that Jemima Wilkinson preached in four or five years; she having been removed some years to the Genesee country.

At a meeting held Aug. 25, 1796, it was voted to buy "the Friends' meeting-house on condition that the subscription should be sufficient." This house was purchased but subsequent events have demonstrated the movement to leave New Preston village

one of great error, for by it they lost a large part of the northern portion of the parish, and that loss has never been recovered. The decay of the marble business in Marbledale and the attractions of Lake Waraumaug as a summer resort have made New Preston—known for many years as Waraumaug—the center of business and social life for this region of country, and in all probability had the location of the church never been changed it would have attained a larger influence than it now holds.

The Rev. Joseph Perry succeeded Rev. Mr. Marsh as acting clergyman to this parish, remaining until September, 1802; after which there was a vacancy until the settlement of the Rev. Benjamin Benham in January, 1807. He continued rector in connection with the Churches of New Milford and Roxbury until 1812; when he was succeeded in St. Andrew's parish by the Rev. Sturges Gilbert, who was, at his own request, dismissed by vote of the parish, Sept. 21, 1816.

At this time the question of a new house of worship was agitated, and it was decided inexpedient to repair the church, and a vote was passed that it was expedient to erect a new church on New Preston Hill, and that if \$1,600 could be raised by subscription, to proceed to build the church. The ground was purchased on New Preston Hill, in accordance with this vote, but there being a difference of opinion the matter was delayed, and finally it was built where it now stands in Marbledale village.

After the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Gilbert there are records of services held by the Rev. Mr. Glover and the Rev. Samuel B. Hall.

The Rev. George B. Andrews was settled here in 1819; he being a very capable minister, and during his rectorship the present church edifice was erected, and upon the completion of it the following request was made for its dedication.

OCTOBER 14, 1823.

To the Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut:

RT. REV. SIR: The people of the Parish of New Preston having erected a house for Divine worship:

We the Wardens and Vestrymen of the parish request that the said building be consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GIDEON STARR, }
JOHN COGSHALL, } *Wardens.*

WILLIAM HANDFORD, }
ERASTUS LOVERIDGE, } *Vestrymen.*
ALVIN BROWN, }

In the Bishop's report at the next convention he said: "At New Preston on the 16th [of October, 1823] consecrated the new edifice by the name of St. Andrew's Church. The occasion excited a lively interest, and drew together a large concourse of people, among whom were thirteen of the clergy of our church. The new edifice thus consecrated to the worship of God does great credit to the zeal and liberality of the parish. It is constructed of durable material, and in the Gothic style of architecture. The interior is well finished and conveniently arranged, and the decorations of the pulpit, chancel, and desk are handsome and appropriate. The congregation is not large nor wealthy, yet the spirit with which they are animated has enabled them to erect the church within a very short period, and to pay for it entirely from their own resources. Some may have spared from their exigencies, yet it is believed they are far from feeling impoverished by their exertions, and they may have a religious trust that what they have thus lent unto the Lord will be repaid in blessings on themselves and their posterity."

In 1826 and 7 the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg was the officiating minister, the Rev. Mr. Andrews in charge; in 1829 the Rev. Henry Finch; in 1830 the Rev. Isaac Jones; in 1831 the Rev. Henry S. Atwater; in 1836 the Rev. Enoch Huntington, of New Milford; in 1838 the Rev. Riverius Camp, who was succeeded by the Rev. Henry Beers Sherman; in 1839 the Rev. George Sewell Gordon; in 1844 the Rev. Alfred Marsen Loutrel; in 1846 the Rev. William Long; in 1849 the Rev. James L. Scott; in 1853 the Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D.D., while the church was being repaired; in 1853 to Easter, 1854, the Rev. Robert F. Clute, and then the Rev. James L. Scott to December, 1867; from August, 1868, the Rev. Henry C. Randall to Nov. 17, 1869; the Rev. Charles Husband, who died Dec. 20, 1870; and in 1872 the Rev. John N. Merwin, who died May 17, 1874.

On June 28, 1874, the Rev. William S. Peck was settled as rector, and continues active and successful at the present time.

Two bequests are held for the benefit of pew-holders in this church; one was given by the late Samuel Hill for the benefit of those who reside in New Milford in New Preston Society, which amounts at present to \$1,900; and one of \$500 given by

the late Nathaniel Brown to be applied to all members outside of the above stated limits.

In 1853 the Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton, D.D., son of Sylvester and grandson of Joseph Wheaton, one of the first settlers and churchmen of New Preston, purchased and gave to the parish the rectory, now occupied by the rector, at an expense of \$1,250. About the same time the church was much enlarged and improved at an expense of over \$2,000, to which he contributed liberally.

CHAPTER XX.

MERRYALL.



MERRYALL, at first, was a locality embracing the western part of the New Preston Society within the township of New Milford. The name had been used some years before that society was formed. While surveying the North Purchase, the party of surveyors took dinner at a spring near the house of Daniel Terrill, about twenty rods north of the northern boundary of the Purchase, in Kent, and, with the contents of the bottle, they all became merry, from which fact they gave to the locality the name Merryall. This was probably in 1726, when the tract was surveyed by the county surveyor, or in 1731, when the lots were surveyed. This name at first included largely the territory now known as Upper Merryall School District, but afterwards it was extended over territory still further south; and many years later the territory was divided, and the southern part called Lower Merryall. From the spring in Kent where the surveying party became merry-all, a brook runs southward into the Aspetuck River; this stream should be called Merryall Brook, in honor of the origin of the name; and it is said that it was so called, at first, or rather that the name was first applied to the brook, and afterwards to the tract of country. The territory now called Upper Merryall lies mostly on the hills, and is generally a fertile soil, while that which is called Lower Merryall lies most of it in the valley, and the soil is very productive.

Within the territory, originally called Merryall, are three considerable elevations of land. At the west end is Rock Cobble, called many years Rockhouse Cobble, because of a peculiar house which was built, very early, at the southeast corner of the hill or rock. Northeast of this is Peet Hill; and south of

Peet Hill, descending southward, is the hill called by Roger Sherman Waraumaug Mountain.

In 1749 the town voted that the people living in the North Purchase should draw fifteen pounds money, old tenor, out of the town treasury "to build a school-house at Merryall in said north purchase," and "that Ens. John Hitchcock and Joseph Ferriss should be a committee to ascertain a place for said school-house." This was appointed, probably, where the school-house of that district now stands.

Joseph Bostwick was one of the first settlers in the southwestern part of Upper Merryall, as early as 1740, if not earlier, and his three sons were influential men in that part of the town.

Samuel Peet, the Hermit, bought his first land within this territory in 1741, and settled here before 1746; lot No. 12, in the North Purchase. His home was at what is known as the Peet Burying-ground, in the valley on the west side, and at the foot of Peet Hill.

John Peet, brother of Samuel, both being from Stratford, settled in this locality several years later.

Thaddeus Peet, also a brother of the above, came about the time John did; all of them having received land from their father, David Peet. This name was often written in the early times Peat.

Samuel Hill of Fairfield, bought land of Thaddeus Peet in 1765; and of his son Samuel Hill, Jr., land was obtained for the Upper Merryall Burying-ground in 1794.

Abiel Stone settled in this territory as early as 1753, and his descendants have been influential and well-known citizens of the town; substantial, reliable, and honorable.

The settlers increased rapidly from 1760 to 1800, when it was noted as one of the most reliable, prosperous, peaceful, and interesting sections of the town. It would be interesting to obtain the record of the first settlement of every inhabitant, but time and space forbid.

Upper Merryall Burying-place.

This was called at first New Preston Burying-place, and was commenced as a private burying-ground on Samuel Hill, Sen's., land, about 1760. A committee of the town made a purchase of

this ground Nov. 5, 1794, and received a deed, a part of which reads :

"Then measured and laid out a certain spot of land in the North Purchase for the purpose of a public Burying-ground, and is the same place which has been and now is made use of for that purpose, situate in part upon the south side of the original ten-rod highway and part upon land now laid out for said purpose on Samuel Hill, Jr's, land at the north end of the 42^d lot in the south tier of lots in said purchase, it being ten rods in length east and west and in breadth eight rods.

"N. B. One quarter of an acre on the south side of the above described tract, viz.: four rods in breadth is laid upon said Hill's land, and the other part on said highway; and we have made satisfaction to said Hill,"¹

In 1803, this ground was enlarged by purchase of land from Samuel Hill, Jr., and within a few years past it has again been enlarged, and great improvements made by the erection of fine monuments.²

The following are the inscriptions in this place, copied with great care and much effort, as the lettering on a number of the stones was very difficult to read; and there may be a few inaccuracies as now printed :

Inscriptions in the Upper Merryall Burying-place.

CARRIE URANIA | infant | Daughter of | | J C & A H Ackley Died April 12, 1868 | Aged 1 y'r & 26 d's.	Infant | Son of | Andrew H & | Flora E Benedict | Died | Sept 12, 1863 | Æ 12 Days.
(LITTLE CARRIE.) "Under the elms a grave is made Under the daisies our treasure is laid Under the daisies? It cannot be thus We are sure that in Heaven she waits for us."	"The smallest planet is nearest the sun So nearest to God is our little one."
In memory | of |	In memory of |
AMASA BARDEN | Who died | Aug 29, 1847 | Æ 56.	AROLINE A | daughter of | William & | Amanda Benedict | Who died | Feb 18, 1843 | aged 5 y'rs 7 mo | & 6 d's.
JOSIAH BEARDSLEY | Died | Dec 5, 1871 | Aged 64.	In memory of CAROLINE A | Daughter of | William & Amanda | Benedict who died Oct 4, 1838 Æ 7 y'rs | 1 mo & 21 days.
"For he was a good man, and full of | the Holy Ghost, and of Faith."	In memory of |
In memory of |	DAVID son of | Mr John Bene | dict & Lucy H | is wife who D | ied Nov 25th, | 1768 aged 11 years.
MR ALEXANDER | BENEDICT who | Died June 10th, | A D 1780 | aged 10 years.	Sacred to | the memory of |
In memory of |	ELIJAH BENEDICT | Who died | Feb 23, 1832 | in the 84 year of | his age.
AMANDA | daughter of | Burton & | Sar- rah Benedict | who died | Jan 27, 1831 | aged 1 year.	
(We miss thee.)	

¹ Town Rec., B. XX, 400.

² Ibid., B. XXIV, 483.

In memory of |
 ELVIRA daughter | of Granderson & |
 Harriet Benedict | who died | April 16,
 1739 | aged 4 yrs 1 mo | & 11 ds.

In memory of |
 GERMAN | son of John & | Cloe Bene-
 dict died | Oct 7, 1818 | Æ 12.

Died | March 15, 1839 |
 MARIA C | daughter of | John & Jerusha
 | Benedict Æ | 5 years 3 mo | & 29 ds.

The | Grave of |
 Mr | JOHN BENEDICT | who died | Dec
 15, 1830 | in the 85 | Year | of his age.

Be ready you who see
 This monumental stone
 For soon your days will flee,
 Like mine forever gone.

In memory of
 Mr | JOHN BENEDICT who | Departed
 this life | June 30th, in the 64th | year
 of his life 1778.

In memory of | An Infant | Son of John
 & | Chas Benedict | died May 20, 1802
 | Æ 10 days.

Died | March 13, 1839 |
 LORAN | son of | John & Jerusha | Bene-
 dict | Æ 2 years 1 | mo & 23 days.

Died | March 11, 1839 |
 LORETT | daughter of | John & Jerusha
 | Benedict | Æ 2 years 1 | mo 21 days.

In memory of |
 MRS LUCY BENE | DICT Relict to Mr
 John Benedict who Departed this |
 life Dec. 28th, A D 1803 aged 76 Years.

In memory of
 M | RIAM Daughter of | Mr. John Bene-
 dict | & Lucy his wife | who died Dec.
 5th, 1768 in the 19th Ye | ar of her
 Age.

In | memory of |
 MOLLY | wife of | Elijah Benedict | who
 died Apr 14, | 1821 | age 64 years.

In memory of
 STEPHEN son | of Mr John Ben | edict &
 Lucy | His wife who | died Dec 1st,
 1768 | Ag 8th Year.

In memory of
 STEPHEN | son of John & | Cloe Bene-
 dict | died Feb 13, 1819 | Aet 26.

Died | March 19, 1839 |
 STEPHEN | son of | John & Jerusha |
 Benedict Æ | 8 years 4 mo | & 17 ds.

(W Benedict.)
 WILLIAM BENEDICT | Died | March 7,
 1864 | Æ 75.

AMANDA BENEDICT | Died | March 15,
 1864 | Æ 65.

HANNAH BENEDICT | Died | Jan 12,
 1822 | Æ 31.

DR STEPHEN BENNETT | Died | June 13,
 1848 | in the 70 year | of his age.

DIANA His wife | Died | Oct 6, 1830 in
 the 50 year | of her age.

"O Death where is thy sting
 O grave where is thy victory."

J J N B BISSELL | Died | Dec 16, 1863 |
 Aged 48.

In memory of
 ABIGAIL | BOSTWICK Daughter of | Mr
 Joseph & Ann Bost | wick who Died
 Oct | 18th, AD 1780 in y^e 26 | Year of
 her Age.

In memory of |
 ANNE wife of | Ichabod Bostwick | who
 departed this life | on her birthday |
 Feb. 10, 1831 | aged 71 years.

In memory of
 Mr | BENAJAH BOSTWICK | Died Oct^r
 23rd, A D | 1776 Æ 59.

Sacred | to the memory of |
 BETSEY ANN BOSTWICK | who departed
 this | life Jan 11, 1830 | in the 21 year
 of | her age.

How short the race our friend has run
 Cut down in all her bloom
 The course but yesterday begun
 Now finished in the tomb.

CURTIS BOSTWICK | son of Andrew | &
 Irena Bostwick | died Nov 5, 1806 | in
 the 8 year | of his age.

Weep, weep ye willows o'er my tomb
 I once like you was in my bloom.

In | memory of |
 DAVID BOSTWICK | who was born Aug
 | 3, 1743, & died Oct 4, | 1821 aged 78
 years | three months & one day.

SARAH BOSTWICK | 2d wife of David
 Bostwick | died April 27, 1812 | aged 65
 years.

HANNAH BOSTWICK | Consort of | David
 Bostwick | Departed this life | May 23,
 1798 | in the 53 year of her age.

MRS HANNAH BOSTWICK | Relict to Mr
 Benajah | Bostwick Departed this | life
 Oct 27th D 1788 | in the 65th year of
 her | age.

In | memory of |
 ICHABOD BOSTWICK | who departed |
 this life | Sep 24, A D 1843 | Aged 87
 years.

In memory of |
 MR JOEL BOSTWICK | Who Departed |
 this life April 11th | AD 1777 in the 33d
 | year of his age.

"When this you see | remember me"

In memory of |
 JOHN BOSTWICK | who departed | this
 life Dec^r | 15th, 1783 in the 22 year of
 his | age.

In memory of
JOSEPH BOSTWICK | who departed this
life Nov 18th, A D 1808 in the | 82nd
year of his age.

SAMUEL | son of Marshal and | Polly
Bostwick | Died Sept 28, 1846 | Aged
22 years.

MARSHAL BOSTWICK | Died Nov 12,
1846 | Aged 67 years.

AN INFANT | son of Anson | & Milason
Ann | Brown | aged 1 month | & 27
days.

ABRAHAM BROWNSON | Died | May 9,
1850 | aged 83 years.

MARY his wife | Died — 18 — aged —
years.

The | Grave of |
ANNA KEZIAH | daughter of | Anna
Brownsen | who died | Sept 18, 1842 |
Æ 32.

In memory of |
ALMEDIA | Wife of Anson Brown who
died | April 1, 1837 | æ 37 years.

MILLISON ANN | wife of | Anson Brown
| Died | June 29, 1859 | aged 44 y's
4 mo | & 15 D's.

ELBRIDGE GARY | son of | Anson & |
Millison Ann Brown | Died | Feb 25,
1860 | aged 15 y'rs, 9 mo | & 21 D's.

BROWNSON

ISRAEL BROWNSON | Died | Jan 31, 1859
| Æ 82.

ANNA D | wife of | Israel Brownsen |
Died | Apr 11, 1822 | Æ 44.

ANNA H | wife of | Israel Brownsen |
Died | Oct 25, 1873 | Æ 84.

ANNA K | Daughter of | Israel and An-
na D | Brownsen | Died | Sept 18, 1842
| Æ 32.

ANDREW | son of | Cyrus C & | Laura
H Buck | died | Sept 11, 1838 | aged 18
mo | & 19 days.

In memory of
CYRUS C BUCK | who died Aug 25, 1844
| Aged 49 years & 4 ds.

In memory of |
HANNAH wife of | Dea Samuel B Buck
who died | Sept 26, 1825 | aged 72.

In memory of |
MR JAMES BEEBE BUCK | who died Jan
23, 1811 | Aged 26 years | son of Sam-
uel B Buck & | Hannah his Wife.

In memory of |
DEA SAMUEL B BUCK | whodied | March
26, 1834 | in his 83 year.

JACKSON T BULL | Died | March 26,
1844 | Æ 59.

In memory of |
JOHNSONE | son of Jackson 'T & Mary
Bull | Who died | April 15, 1822 | aged
1 year & 9 months.

In memory of |
JACOB BULL who died | July 19, 1811,
aged 81 years.

MARY BULL his wife | died April 8, 1816
aged 75 years.

They were bles'd with 20 children.
(This is erected by J T Bull)

MARY | wife of | Jackson T Bull | Died
May 2, 1872 | Æ 80.

In memory of |
MILLY BULL | Who died | Oct 1, 1818
aged 35 years.

Two infants | children of Jackson & Mary
Bull, | the first born & died Feb 4, 1814
| the other died Feb 26, 1819.

CORA E | Daughter of | Ares M | & Ger-
trude Burnett | Died Oct 2, 1876 | aged
9 years.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er shaded
Sweetly her soul shall rest.
Hark! 'tis the voice of angels,
Horne in a song to her,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the Jasper sea,
Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm her there."

MARIA LOUISA | Infant daughter of | Ze-
rah & Maria | Calkins | died May 7,
1827.

No more the lovely babe
To please its parents eyes
The tender plant so fresh & green
Is in eternity.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away
and blessed be the name of the Lord.

(The | grave | of inn | ocence)

HENRY SELDEN | son of | Zerah & |
Mariah Calkens | died Feb 23, 1830 |
aged 1 year | 6 mo's & 4 | days.

(Low in the dust the beauteous ruin lies)

Behold a sweet and lovely child
Which once so fair serene & mild
Has bid the world adieu
No more can feel the pangs of death
Or heaves the agonizing breath
No tears its cheek bedew.

In memory of Mrs |
MARY COGSWELL wife | to Mr Emerson
Cogs | well Died Nov 5th A D. 1763
aged 32 years.

MARTHA | wife of | Harvey Couch Died
June 18, 1870 | Æ 36.

MARY | Daughter of | Harvey & | Mar-
tha Couch | Died | Oct. 20, 1859 | Æ
4 mo.

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
The opening bud to Heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there."

In | memory of |
WILLIAM W | son of | Beriah & | Polly
 Crittenden | Who died | Feb 29, 1848
 | aged 22 years.

He sleeps in Jesus and is blest
 Let none his loss deplore
 But those who view his place of rest
 Go hence and sin no more.

In | memory of |
HARRIET CROFUT | Who died | July 3,
 1846 aged 21 years.

In | memory of |
ANNA | Daughter of | Isaac and Jane |
 Hendryx who | died July 14, | 1822 |
 A 4 years.

CATHARINE | Wife of | Daniel Dayton |
 Died | May 16, 1857 | A 67.

In | memory of |
MARY ANN DAYTON | wife of Daniel
 Dayton | and daughter of | Canfield
 & Mary Stone | Who died | Dec 12,
 A D 1816 | aged 26 years.

Forgive blest shade the tributary tear
 That mourns thy exit from a world like this
 Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here
 And stay'd thy progress to the seats of bliss.

DANIEL DAYTON | Died | May 17, 1870 |
 A 82.

In | memory of |
MRS HANNAH DAYTON | Daughter of |
 Dea Isaac & Mrs Kezia Dayton | who
 died Dec' 10th, 1809 | in the 37th year
 of her age.

Death thou hast conquered me
 For by thy dart I am slain
 But Christ hath conquered thee
 And I shall rise again.

In | memory of |
DEA ISAAC DAYTON | who died | June 2,
 1812 | Aged 66 years.

Beneath the surface of this stone
 Lies a true heart and faithful friend
 His labours here on Earth are done
 Yet his existence n'er shall end.

In | memory of |
MRS KEZIAH DAYTON | wife of | Dea
 Isaac Dayton | who died May 24th,
 1809 | in the 67th year of her age | And
 formerly the wife of | Mr Zechariah
 Noble.

SARAH CLARK | adopted | daughter of |
 Daniel & | Catharine Dayton | Died |
 Dec 30, 1849 | A 17.

In | memory of |
OLIVE | DIMON wife to Justus | Dimon
 she died Mar | 13th Aged 18 years 10
 | Months & 14 days 1791.

"A morning flower | cut down and withered | in
 an hour."

LOUVICY M | Wife of | Wm Elliot | died
 Aug 15 | 1820 | A 40 years.

JAMES A | son of | William & | Louvicy
 Elliot | died | March 9, 1829 | aged 15
 years.

BETSEY | wife of | Joseph Elwood | Died
 | Jan 28, 1864, aged 85.

In | memory of |
MRS ABIGAIL Mr Jam | es Fairchild's
 Wi | dow She died | March 23, A D
 1783 aged 83 years.

STEPHEN FERRISS | Died | Dec 13, 1831
 | Aged 99.

SARAH his wife | Died | Oct 5, 1811 |
 Aged 73.

RODERICK FITCH | Died | Feb 15, 1864
 | A 26.

JULIA His Wife | Died | March 15, 1864
 | A 22.

AMY FULLER | died | Nov. 14, 1815 |
 A 31 years | Wife of Alpheus Fuller.

In | memory of | An Infant | Daughter of
 | Alpheus & | Barbara Fuller | who
 died | 27 Jan, 1819.

WILLIS M GEORGE | son of Prince & |
 Abigail George | of Patison State of
 New York | died March 7, 1812 | aged
 21 years.

ABIGAIL | wife of | Homer Goodsell |
 Died | Sept 7 1857 | A 57.

This the spot we come to seek
 Our Mother's lonely burial place.

In | memory of |
MRS CHLOE GOODSSELL | wife of Capt
 Stiles Goodsell | who died Nov 9, 1814
 | aged 46 years.

HOMER GOODSSELL | Died | Aug 27, 1862
 | A 66.

In | memory of |
HO | MER son of Capt Stiles & Mrs
 Chloe Goodsell who Di | ed April 10th,
 A D | 1796 Aged fore year 9 months.

JOSEPH GREGORY | Died | Mar 7, 1862 |
 A 61.

CHARITY HALL | 1795 | 1868.

Sacred to | the | memory of |
JANE M HALL | who died | April 2, 1830
 | in the 22 year | of her age.

Friends nor physicians cannot save
 Our mortal bodies from the grave.

JOHN HALL | Died | July 28, 1813 | A
 38.

CHARLOTTE | His wife Died | May 8,
 1834 | A 57.

In | memory of |
MRS ANNA HATCH | Wife to Mr John
 Hatch & | Daughter of the Rev Noah
 | and Mrs Elizabeth Wad | hams who
 departed this | Life Dec' the 5th, A D
 1799 | aged 36 years.

"At the demand of conquering death
 She instantly resigns her breath
 She dies amidst the bloom of years
 And leaves her friends bedewed with tears."

In memory of |
 POLLY wife of | John Hatch | who Died |
 Feb 20, 1821 | in her 46 year.
 RUTH | the Wife of | Samuel W Hatch |
 Died | May 30, 1854, Aet 67.
 SAMUEL W HATCH | Died | Dec 8, 1860
 | Aet 74.

HATCH

PHILANDER HATCH | Born Jan 28, 1793
 | Died Nov. 15, 1881, æ 88 yrs & 9 mo.

His wives

RUBY R A STUDELY | Born — 1794
 | Died Jan 15, 1828.

POLLY S PARSONS | Born Dec 24, 1795 |
 Died Sept 13, 1868.

JOHN HATCH | only son of | Philander &
 Ruby R A Hatch | Born May 29, 1817
 | Died —.

His wife | DIANA L CANFIELD | Born
 April 11, 1819 | Died —.

Children of John & Diana L | Hatch |
 LIEUT CALVIN B HATCH | Born Nov 30,
 1840 | Killed in Battle at | Cold Har-
 bor Va June 1, 1864.

LAURIE A HATCH | Born Oct 28, 1858 |
 Died Dec 5, 1877.

Children of Philander & Ruby R A
 Hatch

ABIGAIL S | Born Sept 26, 1815 | Died
 Aug 14, 1840.

LYDIA A | Born April 23, 1819 | Died
 May 10, 1837.

BETSY C | Born Nov 28, 1820 | Died
 April 19, 1841.

SARAH C | Born Feb 28, 1826, | Died —

In memory of |
 LYDIA ANN | wife of | Lemuel Hollister
 | & daughter of | Philander & Ruby R
 A Hatch | who died | May 10, 1837 |
 aged 18 years.

In memory of |
 BETSEY C | daughter of Philander & |
 Ruby R A Hatch | who died | April
 19, 1841 | aged 20 years.

In memory of |
 ELEAZER HENDRYX | who died | March
 31, 1798 aged 16 years.

In memory of |
 ANNA HILL | wife of Samuel Hill Junr
 | who died April 18th, 1812 | Aged 58
 years | & 10 days.

There is rest in heaven.

CLARA | wife of | Samuel R Hill | Died |
 Sept 6, 1868 | Aet 52 yrs 8 mo | & 5 Ds.

In memory of |
 ELLEN C HILL | daughter of | Samuel R
 & | Clara Hill | who died | July 30,
 1849 | aged 21 days.

Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

EUNICE | wife of | Samuel Hill | died |
 Mar 21, 1823 | in her | 63 year.

GEORGE A | son of | George N—Fanny
 Hill | Died Nov. 1, 1839 | Aged 10 mo.

In memory of |
 IDA I HILL | daughter of | Samuel R & |
 Clara Hill | who died | Aug 4, 1849 |
 aged 2 years | 5 mo & 2 ds.

As o'er those soft and pleading eyes
 The dread eclipse came slowly on
 And when the sun had reached the skies
 The aged and the child were gone
 On earth was agony and woe
 In heaven was joy that angels know.

MISS MARICHE | daughter of | Mr Jona-
 than & Mrs Mary Hill | died July 8,
 1817 | aged 21 years.

There is rest for the weary.

SAMUEL R HILL | Died | April 8, 1873 |
 Aet 62 yrs 2 mo | & 1 Day.

In memory of |
 An Infant | son of | Samuel R & | Clarry
 Hill | died | May 23, 1839.

In memory of |
 SAMUEL HILL | who died | Dec 1, 1811
 | Aet 94.

In memory of |
 SAMUEL HILL | who died | Jan 12, 1832
 | aged 84 years.

In memory of |
 SARAH | wife of | Samuel Hill | who de-
 parted | this life Feb 28, 1797.

(CONSTANCE)

Daughter of | P H & Ann E Hollister |
 Died | at Hancock, Mich | Jan 26, 1871
 | aged | 2 y'rs 11 mo's 26 D's.

ANN ELIZA CANFIELD | wife of | Rev
 P II Hollister | Died at | Hancock,
 Mich | Jan 7th, 1872 | aged 33 years.

REV P H HOLLISTER | Died at Hancock,
 Mich | Dec 6, 1876 | aged 39 years.

ESTHER A | wife of | Charles B Jackson
 | Died | Jan 15, 1857 | Aet 26.

Farewell my parents brothers sisters dear
 Dont weep for me while I lie here
 My pains are o'er I have gone to rest
 My heavenly Father thought it best.
 Sweet flower she was too fair to bloom
 In this vain world of sin
 So Christ her Saviour called her home
 To dwell in heaven with him.

PHEROTTO son of | Charles & | Emily A
 Johnson | Died | Dec 20, 1880 | Aged
 10 ms.

Safe in the arms of Jesus.

EDWARD KIMBLE | son of | Samuel R &
 | Clara Hill | died | Oct 15, 1855 |
 aged 3 months | & 15 days.

Ere sin could stain or sorrow fade
 Death came with friendly care
 The little flower to Heaven conveyed
 And bade it blossom there.

AURILLA | wife of Nathan Kingsley |
died | Jan 18, 1852 | aged 61.

NATHAN KINGSLEY | Died | May 18,
1864 | aged 74.

In memory of |
ROSWELL | son of Nathan | & Aurilla
Kingsley | who died Oct 25 | 1822 \AA
1 year.

WARHAM KINGSLEY | Died | Dec 31,
1845 | \AA 80.

In | memory of |
HORACE | son of Lymian | & Sally Kin-
ney died Aug 26, 1832 | in the 8 year
of hi | 3 age & also three | infants Polly
Ann | died Jan 20, 1803 | the 2d died
April | 22, 1811, the 3d died | March 5,
1817.

In memory of |
ELISABETH | wife of | Benjamin Knapp
| died | April 23, 1812 | \AA 64.

WALTER J | son of | John L & | Mary J
Lee | Died | Aug 13, 1864 | \AA 5 yrs &
23 Ds.

We have loved thee on | Earth and hope to | meet
thee in Heaven.

CHARLOTTE | wife of | Harmon Lain |
Died | Nov 19, 1852 | \AA 25.

We laid her in the silent tomb
When summer passed away
For with the flowers that ceased to bloom
She faded day by day
But as the odor of the flowers
Though withering doth arise
So passed her spirit to the powers
Of bliss in Paradise.

In memory of |
DANIEL LYON | who died | May 29, 1850
| \AA 61 yrs & 10 mo.

In | memory of |
ELMOR A LYON | son of Daniel & |
Lucretia Lyon | who died March | 5,
1820 \AA 6 | months & 5 days.

MR EPHRAIM LYON | died Oct 14, 1812
| aged 44 years.

HENRY LYON | son of Ephraim | & Mar-
cy Lyon | died April 28, 1812 | aged 17
years | 4 months & 19 days.

In memory of |
JEMI | MA Daugh't of Mr | Thomas Lues
& Mrs | Mary his wife who | Died May
11th, 1780 | aged 2 years.

In | memory of |
NOBLE LYON | who died Aug 27, 1821 |
in the 25 year | of his age.

LUCRETIA | wife of | Daniel Lyon | died
| Jan 4, 1859 | \AA 67 yrs 4 mo | & 22
ds.

In | memory of |
MARCY | wife of | Ephraim Lyon | who
died | Dec 22 1837 | \AA 66 years.

In | memory of |
EVELINE E | daughter of | George N &
Julia Mallory | who died | Feb 3, 1833
| aged 11 days.

This lovely bud so young so fair
Called hence by early doom
Just come to show how sweet a flower
In paradise will bloom.

In memory | of
An infant son | of George N & | Julia
Mallory | who died | March 1, 1836 | \AA
6 days.

Sleep on sweet babe
And take thy rest
God calls you home
He thought it best.

In memory of | an infant | daughter of |
George M & | Julia Mallory | who died
| April 23d, 1837 | \AA 11 days.

The gentle Saviour calls
Our children to his breast
He folds them in his gracious arms
Himself declares them blest..

BURR | son of Silas & | Nancy Michel |
died Sep 7, 1825 | aged 3 yrs & 4 mo.

Little orphan, early blest,
Rest in peaceful slumbers rest,
Early rescued from the cares
Which increase with growing years.

HANCY | daughter of | Silas & Nancy
Mitchel | who died | June 20, 1824 |
aged 3 yrs & 8 mo.

Little orphan sleep serenely
Peace forever to thy shade
Let this tell the tale to childhood
Infant charms may early fade.

In | memory of |
MISS ANNIS NOBLE | who died | April 7,
1813 | aged 51.

In memory of
DAVID son of Lieu | Israel and Mr^r Lu |
cy Noble who di | ed Dec^r 7th, AD
1768 | aged 7 months.

In memory of |
ISRAEL NOBLE | who died Jan 18 | 1819
| \AA 84 years.

In memory of |
MRS LUCY | wife of Mr Israel Noble |
who died June 1, 1809 | aged 67 years.

In | memory of |
JONATHAN NOBLE | Who died | June 1,
1831 | aged 64 years.

LAURA | wife of | Jonathan Noble | Died
| Aug 28, 1863 | \AA 71.

In memory of |
MISS SARAH NOBLE | who died March
5th, 1801 | \AA 58.

In memory of
MR STEPHEN NOBLE | who died Decr
5th, 1791 | in the 87th year | of his age

In memory of |
MRS SARAH NOBLE | wife of | Stephen
 Noble | who died March 9th, 1802 |
 aged 91 years.

In memory of
MR ZECHARIAH NOBLE | who died May
 10 | A. D. 1770 aged 32.

Behold this tomb
 Death lies here
 Pech a sigh
 Drop a tear.

In memory of |
ZACHARIAH son | of Lieut Israel | and
Mrs Lucy | Noble who died | July 26,
 1775 in ye 6 | year of his age.

In | memory of |
BENJAMIN NORTHROP | who died | July
 8, 1823 | aged 15 | years.

In memory of | the
WIFE of | Daniel Bronson | She Died

In memory of |
MR DANIEL OWEN | who died | March
 24, 1825 | in the 73 year of | his age |
 Also his wife

MRS RUTH OWEN | who died | Sept 15,
 1825 | in the 69 year of | her age.

JOHN OWEN | Died | Oct. 25, 1853 | Æ 70.

BRITANIA | his wife | Died | Mar 16, 1855
 Æ 64.

In | memory of |
SUSAN | daughter of Mr John & Mrs
 Britania | Owen died May 31, 1822 |
 Aged 7 mo & 6 days.

ELIZA ANN | wife of | George L Page |
 Died | Dec 18, 1855 | Æ 31.

"A loved one sleeps here."

In memory of |
ABIJAH PEET son | of Mr John & Mrs |
 Rebecca Peet | who died Nov | 15, A
 D 1782 in | the 23 year of | his age.

In memory of Mr |
JOHN PEET who De | parted this life |
 Nov 29, A D 1780 | aged 55 years.

Man like a morning flower cut down and | with-
 ered in an hour.

In | memory of |
URANA PEET | who died | Jan 23, 1839 |
 aged 69 y'rs 10 | mo & 11ds.

In | memory of |
AN infant | daughter of | Isaac & | Laura
 A | Pendleton | who died | May 4, 1842.

In memory | of |
MRS MABEL PICKET | Wife of Joab
 Picket and | Daughter of Mr Epenetus
 | Platt Who departed this | Life May
 24th AD 1796 | Aged 25 years & 10
 months.

Though in the dust I lay my head
 Yet gracious God thou wilt not leave
 My soul forever with the dead
 Nor lose thy Servant in the grave.

CHARLES | son of Elmore & | Eva E
 Platt | Died | Mar 10, 1866.

CAROLINE J | daughter of | Edward F &
 | Mary N Platt | Died | Jan 1 1864 |
 æ 3 y's 7 mo | & 17 d's.

EPENETUS PLATT | Died | Nov 19, 1822 |
 Aged 62 years.

EVA E | wife of | Elmore Platt | Died |
 Dec 2, 1876 | Aged 39.

HARVEY PLATT | son of | Epenetus & |
 Molly Platt | Died | Nov 28, 1807 | in
 the 19 year | of his age.

MARSHAL S PLATT | Died | Feb 3, 1877 |
 Æ 73

MOLLY PLATT | wife of | Epenetus Platt
 | Died | Dec 25, 1800 | Aged 40 years.

My Husband and my Children leave
 And take my lodging in the grave
 No sex nor age from death is free
 Oh think on death then think on me.

TRYPHENA | wife of | Marshal S Platt |
 Died | June 2, 1870 | Æ 64.

In memory of |
PLATT PURDY | who died | Aug 19, 1816
 | aged 67

also
IRINDA his wife | who died Dec 9, 1809
 aged 57

also
SALLY MINEVY A | daughter of Platt and
 | Irinda Purdy | who died Jan 28, 1808
 in the 15 y'ar of her age.

ALMIRA | Wife of | Charles H Richard |
 Died | Aug 6, 1861 | æ 82.

In | memory of |
PHERE | wife of | John Riley | died Oct
 6, 1831 | Aged 84 yrs.

In memory of |
GEORGE SHELDEN | son of Anson & |
 Barbary Squire | who died | Feb 3
 1832 | aged 5 months | & 7 days.

I know that my Redeemer liveth.

HANNAH L | Grand-daughter of | Mar-
 shall Bostwick | Died | Sept 19, 1860 |
 Aged 26.

In memory of |
CURTIS SMITH | Son of | Ebenr | & Bet-
 sey Smith | he died Jan 6, 1813 | aged
 1 year 7 months | & 15 days | also an
 infant Son | he died Feb 6, 1809.

In memory of |
MR EBENEZER | SMITH who De | parted
 this life | Sept 7th AD 1796 | in the
 79th year | of his age.

In memory of |
HIANNAH Relict of | Ebenr Smith | who
 died | June 30, 1810 | in the 86 year |
 of her age.

Sacred to the | memory of |
JOSEPH SMITH | who died | Dec 30, 1831
| Aged 51 years.

Be ready you who see
This monumental stone
For soon your days will be
Like mine forever gone.

In | memory of |
LUCY wife of | Joseph Smith | who de-
parted this life | Sept 8, 1814 | aged 42.

Look on me as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

ANNA SPERRY | wife of | Wilmot Sperry
| Died | Nov 27, 1844 | in her 59 year.

MRS AMY SPEARY | consort to Mr Jared
| Speary, Departed this | life Sept 21st
A D 1795 | In the 44 year of | her
age.

In memory of Mr |
GILEAD SPEARY who | Departed this life
| April 14th, A D 1788 | In ye 60th
year | of his age.

In | memory of |
JARED SPERRY | who died | April 17,
1812 | in the 62 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
MABEL Daugh | ter of Gilead | & Mrs
Mercy | Speary who | Departed this |
life May 20th | 1766. In the 3d | year
of her age.

MRS MERCY SPEA | RY Relict to Mr |
Gilead Speary | Departed this | life Oct
17th A D | 1795 in the 70th | Year of
her age.

POLLY SPERRY | Born | Dec 28, 1782 |
Died | March 22, 1812.

WILMOT SPERRY | Born | July 21, 1781
| Died | Feb 2, 1840.

ANSON SQUIRES | Died | Mar 11, 1873 |
Aged 78.

BARBARA | Wife of | Anson Squires |
Died | Mar 10, 1873 | Aged 75.

In memory of |
LUCY M | daughter of | Anson & Barbara
| Squires who | died June 22 | 1817 |
Æ 1 month.

SAMUEL SQUIRES | Born May 15, 1819 |
Died | Aug 21, 1847.

In | memory of |
ABIGAIL wife of | James Stocker | who
died | Sep 9, 1825 | in her 43 year.

In | memory of |
JAMES STOCKER | who died | Aug 7, 1834
| æ 55 years.

MR ALMON STOCKER | died April 30th,
1824 | in the 22nd year | of his age.

In | memory of |
CAPT BENAJAH STONE | who died Jan
29, 1825 aged 66 yrs | & 10 months.

In memory of |
BENAJAH STONE | who died | June 1,
1773 | aged 41 years.

MARY STONE | his wife died April 17,
1812 | in the 80 year | of her age.

In | memory of |
CANFIELD STONE | who died | March 11,
1836 | aged 71 years.

In memory of |
MR CANFIELD & | Mrs Mary | Stone's
son, he | Died May 27th | 1787 aged 4
| days.

In memory of
HANNAH ELIZA | daughter of Isaac &
Laura Stone | who died | Aug 20, 1825
| aged 3 years.

Stone monument.
HARVEY STONE | Died | May 12, 1878 |
Aged 67 years.

HARRIET HICKOX | wife of | Harvey
Stone | Died | May 13, 1873 | Aged 65
years.

JUSTINA | Daughter of | Harvey & Har-
riet Stone | Died Jan 10, 1833 | Aged
2 years.

ALZORA | Daughter of | Harvey & Har-
riet Stone | Died—Aged—years.

ELLEN | Daughter of | Harvey & Har-
riet Stone | Died—Aged—years.

VESTA | Daughter of | Harvey & Harriet
Stone | Died—Aged—years.

In | memory of |
J CARRUI. | daughter of | Isaac & | Laura
Stone | who died | Aug 31, 1825 | in
the 6 year | of her age.

In | memory of |
JUSTINA | daughter of | Harvey & | Har-
riet Stone | who died | Jan 10, 1834 |
Æ 2 yrs.

Dear child thy life like some fair flower
Was closed in its sweetest bloom
And sorrow's self deplored the hour
As it mourned thy early tomb.

In memory of |
LURA STONE | Daughter to Julius | &
Esther Stone who | departed this life |
Jany 19th, 1800 in the 19th year of her
age.

In | memory of |
MARY STONE | wife of | Canfield Stone |
who died | Nov 25, 1828 | aged 60
years | 2 mo & 9 days.

PIEBE STONE | wife of | Capt Benajah
Stone | died April 16, 1812 | aged 52
years.

The dead in Christ shall rise first.

The grave of |
WALKER STONE | who Died | Nov 20,
1828 | aged 28 years.

In | memory of |
MR HENRY STRAIGHT | who died | Feb
7, 1818 | aged 75 years.

See o'er your tomb a mourner weeps
And heaves the heartfelt sigh
In that cold tomb a father sleeps
Hid from each mortal eye.

In memory of |
MARY wife of | Henry Straight | who
departed this life | July 15th, 1777 | in
the 29th year | of her age.

In memory of |
OLIVE Wife of | Henry Straight | who
departed this life | June 24th 1811 | in
the 61st year | of her age.

In memory of |
ELI TAYLOR's 1st | wife Eunice | She
died Apr | 19th A D 1757 | aged 22
years | His son Eli died | Nov A D
1780 | aged 22 years.

In memory of |
ELI TAYLOR's 2d wife Eunice | she died
Aug | 9 A D 1770 | aged 31 years |
His son John died | Jan 2d A D 1760 |
aged 3 months.

JOSEPH M TAYLOR son | of Eli & Eunice
Tay | lor Departed this life | April 27th
A D 1791 Aged | 29 years 11 months
& | 13 days.

LUCY TAYLOR | Daughter of Eli & |
Huldah Taylor | Who departed this
life March 14th | 1793 aged | 14 years
& 17 days.

In memory of |
MRS ORINDA | Wife of Mr Leonard |
Thompson & Daughter to Julius &
Esther Stone | who died Novr 14th |
1805 in the 23d | year of her age.

In | memory of |
ABEL TURRILL | who died | Jan 24, 1831
| aged 56 years.

Here lies the body of |
MRS ABIGAIL TURRILL wife | to Capt
James Turrill | who Departed Jan 9,
A D 1774 | In the 53 year of her |
age.

As I am now so must you be |
Prepare for Death | And follow me.

In memory of |
AHOLIAH son of | Job & Kezia | Terrill
who | Died July 13, | A D 1792 Aged
| 8 months & 6 | days.

In memory of |
AHO | LIAH son of Job & | Kezia Terrill
who | Departed | this life July 19th,
| A D 1789 in ye 5th | year of his age.

ARLINE | Daughter of | William & Polly
| S Turrill | died May 15, | 1813 aged
1 year | 7 months & 16 days.

BYRON TURRELL | the son of | Nathan &
| Laura Turrell | died Jan 4, 1830 |
aged 5 yrs | 2 mos & 15 ds.

In memory of
MR | DANIEL TURRELL Who departed
this life | Sep the 1st, 1800 in the | 80
year of his age.

In memory of |
DANIEL TURRILL | who died | May 20,
1830 | aged 41 years.

ELIZABETH A WEAVER | wife of | Byron
H Terrell | Died | Sept 8, 1871 | Ae 28.
Asleep in Jesus.

ELMORE TERRILL | Born Feb 27, 1817 |
Died—.

In memory of |
MRS ELIZABETH | wife of Cap James |
Terrill who | Died Novr 27, 1793 | in
the 71st year | of her age.

FANNY Daughter of Jared | & Hannah
Turrell | who died Feb 1, | 1806 in the
12 year | of her age.

"Stop children here | as you pass by
And see you are not | too young to die."

FLORA SPERRY | wife of | Harvey P Ter-
rill | Died | Dec 13, 1851 | At 48.

GEORGE | son of | Byron H & | Elizabeth
Terrill | Died | Sept 18, 1871 | Ae 18
Days.

In memory of | an Infant | daughter of
| Harvey P & | Flora Turrell | who
died | March 17, 1838.

In memory of |
CAPT JAMES TERRILL | who departed
this life | April the 10, | A D 1812 aged
93

In | memory of |
MR JAMES TERRILL JUN | who died
May 2d, 1812 | in the 68 year | of his
age.

In | memory of |
JERUSIA TURRELL | wife of Abel Tur-
rell | who died | June 24, 1834 | in the
78 year | of her age.

In memory of |
ABEL TURRILL | who died March 11, 1817
| aged 64 years.

JAMES MINOR | son of | Jobe & Kezia
Terrill | died May 25th, 1807 | aged 15
months | & 20 dys.

In memory of |
MR JOB TERRILL | who departed this
life | April 24, | A D 1812 | aged 52.

Behold and see while here we
The dearest ties of friendship broke
Though grief and sorrow pierce the heart
We see that dearest friends must part.

In memory of |
MR JOEL TURRELL | who Departed | this
 life Nov 14 | AD 1776 aged | 27 years.

In | memory of |
WIDOW | KEZIA TERRILL | who De-
 parted this life Oct | the 12, 1823 in the
 62 year | of her age.

Faith hath an overcoming power
 It triumphs in the dying hour.

In memory of |
LAURA TURRELL | daughter of | Nathan
 & Laura | Turrell who died | March 3,
 1819 in the | 11 year of her age.

MALVINA A BROWN | wife of | Elmore
 Terrell | Born | March 28, 1823 | Died
 | Nov. 6, 1854.

In memory of
MRS | MARY TURRILL Wife | To Mr
 Daniel TURRELL | who departed this
 life | June the 2d, 1798 in the 73d |
 year of her age.

In memory of |
SARAH J | Daughter of | Douglass & Sal-
 ly | Terrill who | departed this life |
 March the 3, 1823 | aged 1 year | & 8
 months.

In | memory of |
SARAH TURRILL | late consort of Col.
 Perry Averell | of Washington | & for-
 merly Widow of | James Turrill Jr |
 who died | Mar 19, 1830 | in the 83
 year | of her age.

In memory of |
SARAH Daughter | of Mr James Tur | rill
 Jnr & Mrs Sa | rah Turrill she Died |
 Apr 22, AD 1783 | aged 3 weeks.

SHARLOTT | wife of | Daniel Turrill |
 Died | June 17, 1853 | Æ 57.

SILENCE | wife of | Abel Turrill | Died |
 Mar 13, 1850 | Aet 76.

WALTER TURRILL | Died | May 5, 1866
 | Æ 46.

Wrapt in the shades of death
 No more that friendly face I see
 Empty Ah! empty every place
 Once filled so well by thee.

MRS ELIZABETH WAD | HAM wife to Mr
 No | ah Wadham Minister | Departed
 this life Feb | 11, A.D. 1794 in the | 63
 Year of her Age.

"Says Christ to whom all | Judgment is com-
 mitted | all shall hear my voice | and arise and be
 sentenc | ed to Happiness or Misery."

Mr SAMUEL WAD | HAM son of Mr |
 Noah Wadham | Minister | & Mrs |
 Elizabeth Wadham | Departed this life
 | Feb'y 4th, AD 1785 | in the 17th
 year of | his age—this grave speaks
 loud! youth you | must die. Remem-
 ber your | Great Creator now.

In | memory of |
BENJAMIN WARNER | who died | Sept.
 16, 1826 | Aged 44.

In | memory of |
SUSANNAH | wife of | Benjamin Warner
 | who died | Oct 14, 1834 | Aged 46
 years 1 mo | & 12 ds.

CLARA | CANFIELD | Daughter of | Jo-
 seph E & | Julia A Watson | Died |
 Nov 11, 1876 | aged 6 Y'rs & 21 D's.

(Safe in the arms of Jesus.)

CLARA.
 A rose had a blossom
 She has left our household band
 And has gone to join dear Tommy
 In a bright and promised land.

THOMAS J | son of Joseph E & | Julia A
 Watson | Died | Sept 4, 1873 | Aged
 8 mo's & 20 D'S.

(Asleep in Jesus.)

THOMAS.
 "Little Tommy's gone to rest.
 Angels bright above
 Bore him in their tender arms
 To the land of love."

ANNA WELTON | Relict of | Stephen
 Welton | died April 4, 1811 | Aged 84
 years.

CHARLEY PLATT | wife of | Cyrus Whea-
 ton | Died | Jan 4, 1817 | Aged 29
 years.

In memory of |
HARRY S WHEATON | son of Cyrus & |
 Charley Wheaton | who died Nov 30,
 | 1818 aged 2 years 5 months.

In memory of |
Mr EZRA N WHEELER | who died Oct
 5th, | 1798 in the 24th | year of his age.

WILLIAM B SMITH | son of Joseph & |
 Lucena Smith | Died March 3, | 1816
 Æ 4 weeks | and 2 days.

In memory of |
MRS SARAH wife | of Mr Joseph Wileman
 who | Died Dec 8th, A D 1795 in the
 | 73 year of his | age.

In memory of |
WILLIAM son of Mr | William & Mrs
 Sarah | Willcockson who | Died Sept
 24th, 1807 | in the 16th year of | his
 age.

In | memory of |
CAROLINE | daughter of | Albrow and |
 Minerva Williams | who died | Sept
 23, 1824 | aged 10 weeks.

In | memory of |
STANLEY WILLIAMS | who died | July
 29, 1825 | aged 25 years.

In memory of |
HARRIET WILSON | who died | June 23,
 1837 | Æ 34 years | & 10 mo.

NATHANIEL WILSON | died Dec 16, 1837
 | Aged 77.

RUTH SILLIMAN | His wife | died Apr 16, 1843 | Aged 81.	ROBERT BRUCE | son of | *Lemuel and Sally Woodin | Died | Feb 4, 1830 | aged 4 ys & 7 m. Tis on the Savior's bosom laid And feels no sorrow there; Tis by an Heavenly parent fed And needs no more our care.
LOIS SQUIRES | their daughter | died Nov 28, 1871 | Aged 90. In | memory of |	In memory of
LEMUEL WOODIN | who died | April 11, 1840 | in the 65 y'r of | his age. In | memory of |	SAMUEL WOODEN | who died | Feb 13 1851 | aged 34 years.
PATIENCE wife of | Winthrop | Woodin | who died | Dec 4, 1831 | in the 60 year of | her age. In | memory of |	WINTHROP WOODIN | who Died Aug | 29, 1819 in the | 53 year of his | Age.
SALLY wife of Lemuel Woodin who de- parted this | life June 27, 1846 | in the 68 year | of her age.	

The Peet Burying-place.

This ground was used as a private burying-place by the Peet families many years, and in April, 1812, was purchased by the town, the deed stipulating that it should continue as a burying-place. It is a strange, wild-looking place, but because of its historical associations, has a charm and marvelousness that should secure for it care and future preservation. At present, as a burying-place it has no appearance but that of desolation, but with a little attention it might be made a place of beauty and attraction.

At the southwest corner stand two rocks, rising to the height of nearly twenty feet. They were once in one rock, but became separated, yet remained erect. Between these two upright stones is a rock with two depressions, corresponding to the indentures made in the ground when one kneels upon it. Here in this place called the Altar, Samuel Peet prayed many times a day; and the legendary story is that his knees made the depressions in the rock. Hence, because of this devotedness in praying and the seclusion and strangeness of the place, he was called the Hermit, and these high rocks the Altar Place. The burying-place has three sides or is a triangle, and at every corner there is a large rock, and on the north side is a most charming brook, that lends enchantment to the place.

In 1812 the ground was deeded to the town of New Milford by Elnathan Peet; and the deed in part reads: "a certain piece of land now occupied as a place of burial and to be occupied as such in the future, being part of lot number 11, in the North purchase; a few rods east of the turnpike road leading from said New Preston meeting-house to Bull's Falls, and known

by the name of the old Altar place; which land or place of burial lies on the side of said Hermitage Rocks with a privilege to pass and repass from said turnpike to said place.”

Inscriptions at the Peet Burying-place.

In | memory of |
MR ABEL EDWARDS | who died | Apr 5,
1826 | aged 73 years.

In memory of |
AMANDA daughter of | Elnathan & Olive
Peet | who departed this life | Jan 30,
1813 | in the 20th year of | her age.

In | memory of |
AN infant son of | Amos & Lorry | Shel-
den | who died | Dec 2, 1830 | aged 7
days.

In memory of |
CARLOS son of | Samuel W | & Lucy Peet
who died | June 20, 1814 | in the 22
year | of his age.

DON O son of | Riley & | Sarah Peet |
died Sep 17, 1814 | aged 6 months | &
16 days.

In memory of |
ELIJAH son of | Samuel W & | Lucy Peet
| who was drowned in | Lake Ontario
| Dec 2, 1802 | in the 26 year | of his
age.

He is gone he is gone alas
As above it does appear
And in remembrance of his dust
I have set his grave-stone here.

In | memory of |
OLIVE wife of | Elnathan Peet | who de-
parted this life | Nov 10, 1803 | in the
39 year of | her age.

In memory of
GEORGE PEET who departed this | life
Jany 6th, 1817 in the 73d | year of his
age.

To young and old that is Passing by
If you these lines should read
Remember you have got to die
It is by God decreed.

In | memory of |
LUCY wife of | Mr Samuel W Peet | who
died | April 21, 1832 | in the 79 year of
her age.

OLIVE | daughter of | Alba & | Harriet
Peet | Died | Jan 21, 1823 | in the 6th
year | of her age.

In memory of Mrs |
SARAH PEET wife to Mr Samuel Peet who
| Departed this life March | the 16th,
1801 in the 77 | year of her Age.

In memory of |
POLLY PEET who died | March 10, 1789
in the | 3d year of her age.

Also |
SHELDEN PEET who died | May 4th, 1790
in the 1st | year of his age.
Son & daughter of | Joseph & Rhoda
Peet.

In memory of |
REUBEN PEET son | of Mr George & |
Mrs Ruth Peet he | died Oct 5, 1796 |
in the 23d year of | his age.

In memory of |
MR SAMUEL W PEET | who departed this
life | 12th Feb 1824 in the 74th | year
of his age.

My friends I have left to mourn
Let this a warning be
Your time is short you have to stay
You have got to follow me.

In memory of Mr |
SAMUEL PEET who | Departed this life
March 9 A D 1789 | In ye 69th year of
his age.

My flesh must slumber | in the dust till God
Doth say awake ye Just
Come from your tomb in
Quick surprise and in your
Saviour's image Rise.

In memory of |
WILLIAM J twin to Charles E | and son
of | Elnathan & Chloe Peet | who de-
parted this life | Aug 14, 1808 | in the
4th year | of his age.

Lower Merryall.

This is a farming community lying in the valley of the West Aspetuck, and is a fertile portion of the town. The present schoolhouse for that district is about four miles from New Milford village.

There was a school district organized in February, 1759, that indicates somewhat the extent of settlers within the territory

*Town Rec., B. XXVIII, 392.

described. The boundaries were as follows: "Beginning at the northwest corner of Mr. Sherman Boardman's farm at the Great River, and from thence running easterly to the southeast corner of the widow Mary Stebbins's land [on Aspetuck Hill]; from thence to run strait to the top of Great Mount Tom, and from thence north to the north line of this society, including all that part of this society lying north and west of the aforesaid lines and boundaries, on the east side of the Great River." This district went northward to the New Preston Society, and not to the northern boundary of the town.

At this time there were a few families on Long Mountain, particularly David Canfield's, and a few in the west part of Lower Merryall, and others in the east part, at the Iron Works or where they were afterwards erected, particularly the Sperry and the Garlick and McEwen families were in this district. Azariah Canfield resided some years in the west part of Lower Merryall, but afterwards removed to the Neck, where his brothers were located.

Angus Nicholson, on the 2d of September, 1768, bought of Lemuel Buck, a piece of "land on West Aspetuck River, where there is now erected a frame for a sawmill, and land sufficient for the sawmill on the west side of the river, or any other work . . . with the dam; . . . also land on the east side of the river sufficient for building Iron Works of any kind, no more than one acre." On this land Mr. Nicholson erected works which were known for many years as Nicholson's Iron Works.

To direct the people to his enterprise at this place he erected a marble stone as a guide-board, at the corners of the roads about three-fourths of a mile southeast, on the way to New Milford village. This stone is still standing, and the inscription is as follows: "To Mr. Nicholson's Iron Works, 2 miles from New Milford, 85 miles from N. York. 1788." The stone is a square marble one, and on the east side are the words "To Kent," with an index hand, pointing northward.

Angus Nicholson was a very stirring, business man. Besides erecting the Iron Works at the above place, he purchased, in 1787, half of the Iron Works at Lanesville, and much other real estate in the town.

In October, 1792, he made quite a sale of property in a mortgage, enumerated thus:

"To John Cannon, of Norwalk, merchant, and Doct. Peter Fleming, of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., for £3595-11-4, lawful money, a lot on Town street⁴ . . . with all the buildings thereon standing, containing three houses, barn, stable, outhouses, gardens;—also thirteen acres of land near the Falls Bridge with the buildings thereon;—also twenty-three acres . . . on which stand my Iron Works⁵, dwelling house, sawmill, potash house, oil mill, blacksmith shop, nailory, cole house, stables, shops and sundry other outhouses and gardens."

John Davenport purchased in 1786 a small piece of land on both sides of the West Aspetuck, and on it erected Iron Works; one-fourth of which he sold in 1787 to Henry Straight. These works stood on the river nearly half a mile above the old foundry at Lower Merryall.

In the same year Mr. Davenport sold half of this same property to Benjamin Ruggles Bostwick for £49, and the next year he sold the other one-fourth to Epenetus Platt, Jr. Mr. Bostwick continued these Iron Works some years, and is said to have been the last owner of them.

The Merryall Plough Foundry.

This was established after 1800 by Elijah Hall, where the old buildings now stand in Lower Merryall, and was the second foundry of the kind in the town. They made castings for ploughs, and Nathan Avery, a wheelwright of Northville, was employed to make the wood work for the ploughs, and thus quite a business was conducted for many years. The last owners of this enterprise were the Marsh Brothers, who have removed to Wellsville, two miles north of New Milford village. The first plough foundry was established on the East Aspetuck above Wellsville by Cushman, but which continued only for a short time.

Perry Smith and William Terrill established a store on the Kent road between Upper and Lower Merryall, soon after the year 1800, which was continued some years, until Smith removed to New Milford village.

A Baptist meeting-house was erected in 1823, on land now included in the Lower Merryall Burying-place, which continued until within a few years. The lease for the land on which it stood was given March 28, 1823; and a part of it reads: "I Julius Stone . . . in consideration of the denomination of

⁴ North of the new Episcopal Church.

⁵ In the south part of Lower Merryall.

Christians called Baptists, wishing to build a house of Public Worship on my land; and believing that said house will be of public use and benefit to all Christian denominations, therefore I do appropriate, let and lease—and the same is hereby appropriated to the use and purpose of a meeting-house for religious purposes, to stand upon."

The occupancy of the ground was to be "without rent, pay or compensation" so long as used for such a purpose.

The Burying-place now occupying the site of this Baptist church was established after the meeting-house was built. The first burial was made in it in 1834. It is one of the finest appearing, and has some of the most costly and elegant monuments of which the town can boast.

Inscriptions in the Lower Merryall Burying-place.

- NOAH BARTRAM | Died | Dec 10, 1860 | Æ 67.
 SARAH | wife of | Marcus Bartram | Died | July 30, 1850 | Æ 27.
 In earliest prime of life and hope
 When all was bright before her
 Unparing death has cut her off
 The grass will spring green o'er her.
 And round her couch her husband hung
 And bathed her brow and smoothed her pillow
 And fondly hoped for health again
 But now he mourns the bending willow.
 SARAH M | Daughter of | Marcus & | Sarah Bartram | died | May 2, 1851, | aged 9 mo | & 5 ds.
 Sleep dear child and take thy rest
 God called thee home he thought it best.
 DANIEL T BEERS | Died | Jan 26, 1867 | Æ 54 yrs & 5 mo.
 SARAH | wife of | John Beers | Died | Jan 4, 1866 | Æ 100 yrs 5 mo | & 29 ds.
 BURTON BENEDICT | Died | Sept 5, 1869, | Æ 65.
 NATHAN BENEDICT | Died | Oct 4, 1858, | Æ 80.
 RACHEL | wife of Nathan Benedict | Died | Dec 31, 1854 | Æ 79.
 SARAH | wife of | Burton Benedict | Died | Mar 24, 1874, | Æ 71.
 MARY S | widow of | Josiah Brackett | died Nov 30, 1845 | Æ 37 yrs 1 mo & 7 days.
 No more shall her countenance beaming so bright
 With a smile lighted up by affection's pure ray
 Render even life's burdens a source of delight
 And the evening of life as resplendant as day.
 ALBERT A | son of | William N & | Mary S Bronson | Died | Feb 4, 1844 | aged 1 yr 1 mo & 8 d's.
 ANDREW A BRONSON | Died | April 18, 1871 | aged 26 yrs.
 FREDERICK O BRONSON | Died | Oct 19, 1858 | aged 23 y'rs.
 (Fred we have not forgotten thee.)
 GLENORA | daughter of | William N & | Mary S Bronson | Died | March 31 1856 | aged 8 mos.
 ISOLENA E | daughter of | William N & | Mary S Bronson | Died | Nov 19, 1857 | aged 10 mos.
 WILLIAM N BRONSON | a member of | Co D 28 Regt Ct Vol | Died | at Batonrouge La | July 28, 1863 | æ 52.
 MARY S | His wife | Died | June 1, 1861 | æ 44.
 In | memory of |
 AMOS R BULKLEY | who died | Nov 28, 1846 | æ 32 years.
 Flowers in the opening bud must pale and fall
 And thou hast left us at thy Saviour's call
 While we in grief thy early death deplore
 In joy we say Not lost but gone before.
 In | memory of |
 GERSHOM BULKLEY | Who died | March 6, 1866 | aged 84 y'rs.
 In | memory of |
 HENRY BUCKLEY | who died | July 22, 1852 | æ 33 yrs.
 Useful and lovely on earth,
 Peaceful and happy in heaven.

In | memory of |
JOHN BULKLEY | Who died | Nov 21,
1852 | \AA 27 y'rs.

In | memory of |
LUCY wife of | Gershom Bulkley | who
died | Sept 29, 1865 | aged 76 y'rs.

In | memory of |
NATHAN BULKLEY | who died | Oct 14,
1852 | \AA 36 y'rs.

Farewell dear friends, my wife and son,
I leave you in this world of woes,
My work, my life on earth is done,
I'm going to a land of sweet repose.

In | memory of |
ORRIN BULKLEY | who died | Oct 7,
1852 | \AA 41 y'rs.

In | memory of |
HENRIETTA | wife of Allen Caldwell |
who died | March 9, 1839 | aged 23
years | & 7 ds.

ALLEN CALDWELL | Died | Feb 26, 1860
| \AA 45.

BENNETT CALDWELL | Died | Aug 17,
1864 | \AA 41.

DIANTHA | wife of James Caldwell |
Died | Oct 7, 1867 | \AA 70.

JAMES CALDWELL | Died | Mar 24, 1851
| \AA 60 ys & 10 ds.

So as you are, so once was I
So as I am so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

SAMUEL W CALDWELL | Died | Nov 24,
1859 | \AA 64.

EMILY A | His wife | Died Apr 23, 1874
| \AA 63.

Daughter of | Henry B & | Hattie E Co-
vill | Died | Sept 9, 1879 | Aged 8 yrs &
3 mos.

A light is from our household gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our hearts
That never can be filled.

For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.
CHARLES W | son of | George & Laura
| Davis | Died | Mar 16, 1874 | aged 6
years.

In | memory of |
CHARLOTTE R | wife of | George Davis
& | daughter of James & Rebecca
Logan | who died | Aug 23, 1862 |
aged 29 yrs.

Sleep loved one, sleep,
We who now thy loss deplore,
Soon we'll come and sleep beside thee
Thou art only gone before
To the realms of life eternal
To thy home among the blest
One of Gods own holy angels
Sleep, dear Lottie take thy rest.

LAURA B | Wife of | George Davis | Died
| Jan 19th, 1868 | \AA 25 years.
(Suffer little children to come unto me.)

GEORGE W | son of | George & Laura |
Davis | Died | Aug 20th, 1871 | aged 4
years.

In | memory of |
THOMAS DAVIS | who died | March 13,
1857 | in the 83 year | of his age.

WILLIE J son of | Henry S & | Mary E
Disbrow | died | Aug 29, 1871 | \AA 4
yrs.

Willie we miss thee,
We miss thee darling, O! how much
Our God alone can tell,
He took thee from our loving arms,
He doeth all things well.

In | memory of |
EZRA DRAKE | who died | July 19, 1841
| aged 73 years.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH | wife of | Ezra Drake | who
died | Sept 11, 1866 | Aged 91 yrs 4 mo
| & 12 Ds.

MERCY DRAKE | Died | June 15, 1862 |
 \AA 57.

MARTHA A | Wife of | Nelson P Drake |
Born | Dec 12, 1821 | Died Jan 25,
1849.

How short the race our friend has run
Cut down in all her bloom
The course but yesterday begun
Now finished in the tomb.

Innocence
There is rest in heaven.

CHARLOTT | AUGUSTA | daughter of
| Samuel & | Luraett Fenn | Died
| Dec 26, 1843 | in the 11 year | of her
age.

In | memory of |
HOMER | son of William | & Phebe Fenn
| who died | Oct 25, 1837 | aged 24
years.

Mother.
LURAETT OWEN | wife of | Samuel
Fenn | Died | June 22, 1872 | \AA 59.
She's gone home.

In | memory of |
PHEBE | wife of | William Fenn | who
died | Dec 11, 1841 | \AA 56 years.

In | memory of |
MARIAH wife of | Henry M Ford | and
formerly wife of | Henry Bulkley | who
died | Sep 21, 1855 | \AA 38 y'rs.

ALBERT S | son of | George and Amy |
Ferriss | Born Nov 9, 1844 | Died Aug
21, 1874 | aged 29 yrs 9 mo & 10 Ds.

When those we love are snatched away
By death's resistless hand
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
That friendship must demand.

My wife |
GERTRUDE FERRISS | wife of | J B Hlick-
ox | Died | Nov 30, 1867 | \AA 24.

ITHAMAR FERRISS | Born | Sept 6, 1797
| Died June 17, 1865 | æ 68.

GRACE E | daughter of | Wm J &
Emily S | Fradenburg | Died Jan 6
1877 | Æ 4 yrs & 2 mo.

This precious dust beneath the sod
Called hence by early doom
Lies folded in the arms of God
Where flowers forever bloom.

Infant son | of | W J & Emily | Fraden-
burg.

HOMER J | son of | Wm J & Emily S |
Fradenburg | Died Nov 16, 1876 | Æ
10 yrs & 9 mo.

This flower that bloomed from year to year
And was its parents joy,
Was blighted while it knew no fear,
Oh! 'twas our darling boy.

EMMA | wife of | Wm French | Died |
Feb 14, 1864 | æ 10.

LEWIS GOODE | Died | June 6, 1878 |
Æ 66.

EVA B | Wife of | Lewis Goode | Died
| Feb 17, 1880 | æ 62.

ADOLF | son of | Lewis & | Eve Good |
| Died | Aug 12, 1858 | aged 3 y'rs.

MARY M | wife of | Chester Goodsel |
& daughter of Josiah | & Mary S
Brackett | died Oct 7, 1848 | Æ 17 yrs
8 mos 23 dys.

Sweet is the scene when virtue dies
When sinks a virtuous soul to rest
How mildly beams the closing eyes
How gently heaves the expiring breast.

AMY M | Daughter of | John S & | Eliz-
abeth T Graham | Born Apr 25, 1845
| Died in New York City | Nov 26,
1864.

ELIZABETH T | wife of | John S Graham
| Born Dec 21, 1812 | Died in New
York City | Nov 15, 1859.

JAMES A | son of | John S & | Elizabeth
T Graham | died Nov 7, 1851 | Æ 10
mo's | & 22 d's.

James we've laid to sleep,
But not to cradled rest,
His little hands are meekly laid
Upon his sinless breast;
We've laid him by his brothers side
The loved one gone before,
Earth takes them to her cold embrace,
We see them here no more.

In memory of |

JAMES GRAHAM | who died | April 20,
1837 | aged 76 years.

Born in Clathick Parish of | Crieff Scotland | a
resident of the City of New York | the last 28
years.

JOHN S | son of | John S & | Elizabeth
T | Graham | died | Sep 22, 1848 | Æ 1
year 9 mo | & 22 d's.

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death came with tenderest care
This lovely bud to heaven conveyed
And left it blooming there.

In | memory of |

POLLY | wife of | Philo Gregory | who
died | Nov. 1, 1860 | aged 63 years

In | memory of |

AMSEY GREGORY | who died | July 18,
1847 | aged 19 years.

In memory of |

SALLY wife of | James Graham | Born |
December 8, 1787 | Died | September
24, 1840.

Hallock, Pomeroy, Monument.

HOMER HALLOCK | Born | April 29, 1809
| died July 25, 1877 |

CAROLINE | His wife | Born Mar 19,
1813 | died June 8, 1877.

CHARLES POMEROY | Born | Oct 12, 1831
| died ———

JOSEPHINE | His wife | Born Feb 20,
1845 | died Apr 2, 1875.

HENRY H POMEROY | Born Sept 17, 1862

MARTHA C HALLOCK | Born Sept 18,
1850 | died Apr 18, 1868.

Hallock.

Father | and | Mother

HOMER HALLOCK | Aged 68 yrs | 2 mos
& 26 Ds.

CAROLINE HALLOCK | Aged 64 yrs | 2
mos & 21 Ds.

MARTHA C | Daughter of | Homer and
Caroline | Hallock | died | April 18,
1868 | Æ 17 ys & 7 mo.

This lovely bud so young and fair
Called home by early doom,
Just come to show how sweet a flower
In paradise would bloom,
While in the morning of her life
God called her to her rest
To a bright mansion in the skies
Prepared for all the blest.

JOSEPHINE M | Daughter of Homer and
| Caroline Hallock | wife of | Charles
Pomeroy | died April 2, 1875 | Aged
30 years | 1 mo & 13 Ds.

Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep.

Text Rev XIV C XIII verse.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying | unto
me, Write, Blessed are the dead | which die in the
Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit that
they may rest | from their labours, and their works
| do follow them.

In | memory of |

AMY | wife of Soloman | Hill who died
| March 30, 1836 | aged 73 years.

SOLOMAN HILL | Died Jan 8, 1865 | æ
81.

HANNAH | wife of | Soloman Hill | Died
| Sep 20, 1864 | æ 83.

In | memory of |

SOLOMAN HILL | who died | Aug 28,
1839 | aged 80 | years.

WILLIAM H | son of | Lucius M & Mary A Hill | Died | Feb 10, 1865 | **Æt 13.**

Flowers that bloom to wither fast
Light whose beams are soon o'ercast
Friendship warm but not to last
Such by earth are given.

Died | June 22, 1843 | an infant son | of Elihu & | Jane A | Howland | æ 1 day.

Thou was given but a moment here
Committed to our trust
Then called to yonder brighter sphere
Thy body to the dust.

JOHN T HOWLAND | Died | June 6, 1874 | **Æ 57 yrs.**

In | memory of |
LUCY | wife of | Jacob W Howland | who died | Dec 15, 1845 | æ 53 years.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Our Darling Babe

EDGAR C | son of | Cornelius & | Charlena Heritage | Died July 31, 1880 | **Æ 11 mos & 8 Ds.**

Only a Baby small | In Heaven at rest |
But how dear to us | God knoweth best.

ISAAC HENDRYX | Died | Dec 4, 1859 | **Æ 74.**

He is not here but risen.

BARBARA A | wife of | Almond Lane | Died Apr 1, 1880 | **Aged 63.**

Farewell dearest mother thou hast | gone to thy rest
Thou hast left us to dwell in the | home of the blest
Thy trials are ended, thy | sufferings are o'er
Thou restest in peace on that | far distant shore.

RANSOM J LEACH | Died | Jan 26, 1850 | **Æ 26 yrs.**

OLIVE S | wife of | John Main | Died | Aug 21, 1864 | **Æ 73.**

YALE 1864 | Sergt Garwood R Merwin | Born March 8, 1842 | Died | At Alexandria Va | Jan 23, 1863.

Dulce est pro patria mori
'Tis sweet to die for ones country.

GARWOOD R | son of | Horace & Florinda S | Merwin.

HARRIET MERWIN | Born | March 12, 1811 | died June 18, 1867.

Sister of Horace Merwin.

LYMAN KINNEY | died in West Webster N Y.

SALLY | wife | of Lyman Kinney | Died | Sept 23, 1857 | **Æ 73.**

ELIEN | Daughter of | George J & | Frances E Kinney | Died | Aug 17, 1850 | **Æ 1 yr 3 mo.**

Kinney Monument.

RUSSELL W KINNEY | —

TEMPERANCE A | His wife.

LYMAN KINNEY | Died | Oct 18, 1862 | **Aged 85.**

SALLY KINNEY | His wife | Died Sept 23, 1856 | **Aged 74.**

ANDREW S KINNEY —

LOIS E | His wife —

FRANK D | son of | Russell W & | Temperance A Kinney | Died Oct 11, 1870 | **Aged 19.**

Marsh.

ANAN MARSH | Died | Feb 22, 1871 | æ 53.

(At rest in Jesus.)

Father.

"Having loved his own which were in the | world he loved them unto the end."

LUCY A | wife of | Anan Marsh | Died | July 10, 1877 | æ 57.

(No cross no crown.)

Mother.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna."

Marsh.

ELIHU MARSH | Born | July 18, 1774 | Died | April 5, 1853.

URANIA | wife of | Elihu Marsh | Born | Sep 14, 1781 | Died Feb 4, 1855.

HENRIETTA | Daughter of | Elihu and | Urania Marsh | Born | Feb 28, 1815 | Died | Dec 30, 1854.

HENRY MARSH | Died | Aged |

NANCY STONE | wife of | Henry Marsh | Died | Dec 26, 1877 | aged 54.

JOHN | son of | Elihu & | Urania Marsh | Died | Sep 10, 1831 **Æ 18 years 2 | mo & 20 ds.**

JULIA AUGUSTA | Daughter of | Henry & | Nancy Marsh | Died | Oct 10, 1878 | aged 20 y'rs | 3 mo's & 7 D's.

MARY ESTHER | Wife of | Clarke Marsh | Died | Jan 1, 1855 | **Æ 29.**

In | memory of |

ESTHER M | daughter of | Simeon & Lucy Munn who died | Feb 12, 1836 | aged 23 | years.

The grave that holds Maria's dust |
Our Father's care shall keep
Till the last angel rise and break
Her long and dreary sleep.

In | memory of |

SIMEON MUNN | who died | Feb 20, 1836 | aged 53 years.

WALTER E | son of | Simeon & | Lucy Munn | died April 16, 1839 | in the 20 yr | of her age.

For those we love when snatched away
By death's resistless hand
Our hearts the mournful tributes pay
That friendship doth demand.

AGNES A | Wife of | Wanzer Murry | Died | Aug 8, 1864 | **Æ 33.**

In | memory of |
CHARLES SAMUEL | Son of Ezra & |
 Charlotte Murray | who died | April
 30, 1838 | æ 3 mo & 15 d's.

Farewell bright soul a short farewell
 Till we three meet again above
 In the sweet groves where pleasure dwells
 And trees of life bear fruits of love.

ELISHA MURRAY | Died | Nov 26, 1857
 | æ 90 ys & 5 mo.

MERCY | Wife of | Elisha Murray | Died
 | July 27, 1859 | æ 85 y's & 10 mo.

In | memory of |
EZRA MURRAY | who died | Oct 19, 1846
 | æ 34 years | & 7 mo.

SARAH MCARTHUR | Died | May 26,
 1878 | Aged 42.

SALMON MOREHOUSE | died July 1, 1841
 | aged 52 years.

JOYCE wife of | Salmon Morehouse | died
 | April 16, 1864 | Aged 73 years.

In | memory of |
GEORGE A | son of | William B & |
 Lavinia Nearing | who died | April 22,
 1851 | æ 1 y'r & 2 mo.

JOHN A NICKERSON | Died | Aug 9,
 1877 | Aged 76.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

WILLIAM H NICKERSON | Died | Nov
 23, 1857 | Aged 49.

For such is life to-day all hope to-morrow |
 gathered to the dreamless sleep.

THALIA M NICKERSON | Died | Feb 5,
 1879 | Aged 80.

There is no night in Heaven | but one
 unclouded day.

HANNAH M | daughter of | Charles & |
 Jane Orton | Died | Jan 26, 1862 | Æ
 4 yrs | & 7 ms.

EBENEZER PEET | Died | July 10, 1849 |
 Æ 76 yrs & 9 mo.

In | memory of |
CLARRINA | wife of | Samuel S Potter |
 who died | May 11, 1859 | aged 51 yrs.

BETSEY | wife of | David Potter | Died |
 Sept 30, 1860 | Aged 68.

Died March 12, 1846 | Johnson J Æ 2
 yrs & Alice R Æ 6 mo. Children of
 | Samuel S & | Clarina Potter.

Blessed Jesus thou hast bidden | babes like us
 to come to thee.

EDWIN L | son of | George D & | Mary
 Jane Potter | Died | May 7, 1862 | aged
 1 year | and 15 days.

Little Eddie, we miss thee.

GARWOOD B | son of | Samuel & | Cla-
 rina Potter | Died | Sept 25, 1847 | aged
 2 mo.

ANNA | widow of | Caleb Sheldon | Died
 | April 5, 1876 | æ 86.

(Mother we miss thee.)

JUSTINE SHERMAN | Died | Dec 17, 1841
 | æ 51 years.

PIERRE SMITH | formerly wife of | Justin
 Sherman | Born | Jan 9, 1796 | Died |
 Feb 9, 1865.

Asleep in Jesus.

CHARLOTTE E | wife of | Elijah B Ste-
 vens | Died | Dec 28, 1849 | aged 25
 years | 11 mo & 7 ds.

AMY WADHAMS | wife of Chauncy Stone
 | Born Feb 18, 1793 | Died Feb 19,
 1875 aged 82 'rs.

BARENTHA | wife of | Benajah Stone |
 Died | March 19, 1868 | Aged 81.

Chauncy Stone | Died | Jan 28, 1856 | Æ
 67 y'rs 4 mo & 6 D's.

In | memory of |
DANIEL STONE | who died | Nov 15, 1834
 | in the 84 year | of his age.

(The first man buried in the Lower Merryall Cem.

In | memory of |
ESTHER | wife of | Julius Stone | who
 died | July 27, 1847 æ 99 years 2 mo |
 & 8 d's.

In | memory of |
JULIUS STONE | who died | March 10,
 1835 | aged 81 years.

ANNA | wife of | Leman Stone | Died |
 at Trumansburgh N Y | Aug 1, 1866
 Æ 92.

In | memory of |
PENELOPE | wife of—Daniel Stone | who
 died Dec 15, 1842 in the 90 | year of
 her | age.

LEMAN STONE | Died | Jan 18, 1861 | æ
 86.

In | memory of Widow |
POLLY STONE | who died | Jan 18, 1848 |
 Æ 83 years.

ALVA S | wife of | Sylvester J Thomas |
 Died June 19, 1875 | Æ 47.

JULIA MARSH | wife of | Cyrus A Todd |
 | Died | Nov 5, 1857 | æ 22.

(The grave hath won thee.)

CHARLES M | son of | Harvey & | Phebe
 Turrill | Died | Dec 26, 1850 | Æ 25.

Friends nor Physicians could not save
 His dying body from the grave
 Nor can the grave retain it there
 When Christ his Saviour doth appear.

HARVEY TURRILL | Died | Jan 9, 1867 |
 Æ 66.


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HARRIET L daughter of Allen S & Almira C Tuttle died July 29, 1854 aged 8 mo & 7 d's.	FANNY M wife of Abiel Whitney Died May 12, 1879 <i>Æ</i> 77.
AUGUSTUS WHEATON | Died | Sep 4, 1851 | <i>Æ</i> 77.	MARETTA | daughter of | Eli E & | Lucy A Wordin | Died | May 28, 1845 | <i>Æ</i> 2 mo.
ANN | wife of | Augustus Wheaton | Died | Sep 11, 1861 | <i>Æ</i> 71 y's & 7 mo.	ZACHARIAH | son of | Eli E & | Lucy A Wordin | Died | Jan 13, 1850 | <i>Æ</i> 11 mo.
ABIEL WHITNEY | Died | Mar 5, 1877 | <i>Æ</i> 93.	

CHAPTER XXI.

GAYLORDSVILLE.

OME account of the settlement of William Gaylord at this place, is given on page 63 of this book. He was the first white settler in this locality, and the place is named after this family name. When Mr. Gaylord first made his home here, in 1725, he had no neighbors but the Indians within five miles, and probably none nearer than New Milford settlement.

There was no house yet built at Boardman's Bridge, and probably none west of West Aspetuck river. As near as can be ascertained he came from Woodbury with his wife and three children in the spring of 1713, for he was here and appointed to office in the town meeting in December of that year, his home being then on the corner lot, where Doct. Charles Taylor now resides, the house standing further south or east than Doct. Taylor's present dwelling. In March, 1723, he sold this home to Thomas Canfield of Milford, and probably made his home that spring at the Straits, now known as Gaylordsville, and here he located land for himself as fast as he could sell the pieces which he had located elsewhere, until he owned several hundred acres, and was one of the most influential and wealthy men in the town. He died in 1753, aged 73 years.

Gaylordsville is in the northwest corner of the town of New Milford, on the Housatonic river, where the valley is about a mile wide but is shut in on every side by abrupt, high hills. On the south is the high rocky hill covered with woods, which is the northern extremity of the Straits Mountain, at the foot of which is a small elevation called Cedar Hill; and on the west of the village is West Hill. At the northwest is Ten Mile Hill or Cat Rocks, covered with woods, lying east and west, parallel with Ten Mile river which is on the north of it, and east of this hill is

Pickett Rocks, and still further east is Bulls Mountain, and at the northeast is Kent Mountain. All of these are in full view from nearly any point in the valley. On the east is Long Mountain, and at the north end of it is a small cone-shaped elevation called Pine Hill, rising between Mud Pond and Hatch Pond.

Through the central part of this valley runs the Housatonic river, coming in from the north between Ten Mile Hill and Pickett Rocks, a narrow valley, and passing out at the Straits, where the opening between the mountains is only a few rods wide. From the southwest, through a narrow opening between the hills comes the stream called in several deeds Deep Brook, but the Indian name, with due length and dignity, is said to be *Naromiyocknowhusunkataukshunk*, which name has been discussed and spelled, and handed down from the first Gaylord to the present. At the northern part of the village the *Wimmi-sink* (spelled in the deed *Whemisink*, and *Whomesage*) brook enters the Housatonic river. At the northeast, from Kent flows the *Womenshenuck* river, a small stream, on which was built by a New York company, a very large dam, which has never resulted in any profit, except a convenient although dangerous path from the village to the railroad station. Such is a brief outline of this locality, which was once a lake of considerable depth and several miles in extent.

While dwelling on names it is a pleasure to record the following which were written on a slip of paper by Daniel H. Gaylord, 50 or 70 years ago, and for the last few years it has been preserved by a young lady so carefully that her name deserves to be mentioned, although it is without her consent, Miss Jeanette L. Gaylord. Five of these names have been nowhere seen by the author of this book except on this paper. The spelling is retained as written on the paper, and the explanations on the same are included in the quotations.

"Pauguiack: Cedar Hill."

"Sawsucsuck: B. W." What names B. W. stand for is not apparent, but this is the name of a brook entering the Housatonic from the west, a little distance north of the mouth of Ten Mill river.

"Quoncteak: Little Falls." These are the falls about a mile below New Milford village.

"*Quanuctniak*: Long Mountain," on the east side of the Housatonic, in New Milford.

"*Tohoquekonak*: N. Fafl." What these initials may represent is not known, but they may mean New Fairfield, or some locality in it.

"*Metompeguasuc*: Cat Rocks."

"*Whemenesa* or *Whemenuck*: Plain." The meaning is given as the "Red Plum plain." This is, probably, the plain at Gaylordsville and corresponds to Whemesink brook. These names had not been obtained when the Indian History was completed.

William Gaylord, who was ensign in the first military company in New Milford, and this title was used to his name until his decease in 1753, settled on the west side of the Housatonic a little distance north from the old home of Ebenezer Gaylord where Mr. George Gaylord now resides. His dwelling was placed near the orchard of the Indian Siacus and probably near his wigwam, where he lived and died. Several of his sons were settled on the main road south of him, where some of their descendants still reside.

Tradition reports that some kind of a store was kept in early times in a private house, and this was most probably the first house in the place, and perhaps the next one on the same site, or near it, which was also, no doubt, a tavern for the accommodation of travelers, for such Ens. William Gaylord kept while residing in New Milford village, and it is said that the first Gaylord families made a business in trading with the Indians for furs as well as other articles.

Dea. Nathan Gaylord, eldest son of Ens. William Gaylord, settled on a farm on the West Aspetuck, probably at his marriage in 1731, if not before, for it was customary in those days for a young man to work on his farm several years before marriage. He may never have lived in Gaylordsville.

Aaron Gaylord, second son of Ens. William, settled a little way south of his father's dwelling house, where his descendants continued to dwell until recently.

Ebenezer Gaylord, son of Aaron, kept a tavern during Revolutionary times, where now Mr. George Gaylord resides, which was the gathering place for the minute-men, or the militia, who watched the Tories who came over frequently into

that region from New York State. Ebenezer Gaylord's wife, then a young woman, being in the dooryard, was shot at from the woods on the hill west by the Tories, the ball passing over her head, but at the sound of which she dropped to the ground as if killed, and lay there until she thought it safe to go to the house.

Dea. Benjamin Gaylord, son of Ens. William Gaylord, married in 1745, and settled near his brother Aaron. He was elected Deacon in the Congregational Church in 1763, and served in that office until his decease in 1792, at the age of 71 years. He was one of the vigilant committee in the Revolution, and was a very thorough going, persevering member of the Congregational Church. Led by him in the latter part of his life, many loads of people came from his vicinity to the village to the meeting on Sunday, and stayed through the two services and rode home in the winter, there having been no fire in the church. Within the memory of people now living, there was a time when a considerable part of the Congregational congregation came from the Gaylord neighborhood a distance of seven miles, as regularly as the Sundays came. The early ministers down to Mr. Rood, held week day services regularly at Gaylordsville.

The first school district that was confined to the locality of Gaylordsville is set forth in the following record of the Ecclesiastical Society:

"Dec. 15, 1760. Voted that there shall be a district for a school on the west side of the Great River, bounded south by the other district on the west side of said river, west by New Fairfield, east by said river, and to extend north to the north end of New Milford township." This extended south to David Green's farm, and this district was divided in 1771, and the Stilson district made, extending north nearly to Benjamin Bennet's place, afterwards the Ebenezer Sanford place, to a line running west to New Fairfield line.

Ezekiel Payne, whose descendants still remain in the community, settled here about 1755.

The first school district on the east side of the river seems to have been formed by the following: Dec. 16, 1771. "Voted that there shall be a district for a school beginning at the northwest

corner of New Milford North Purchase, thence east by Kent line to the south end of Sherman Boardman's farm, thence southward by the foot of Long Mountain to the south end of Gaylord's field on the east side of the river, thence by the river to the first mentioned corner, and known by the name of Paynes district."

In December, 1794, the Ecclesiastical Society voted that "the society committee be directed to abate the society taxes against William Payne, Aaron Payne, Samuel Payne, Ezekiel Payne, Ephraim Payne, Benjamin Benson, Benjamin Benson, Jr., Ambrose Benson, and Hubbell Payne, who although they have no legal certificates, have convinced this society that they ordinarily attend public worship with Elder Hopkins in Paulings town, they paying the collectors all cost up to this time."

Such are the outlines of the history of this locality up to the year 1800, with the exception of the establishment of the burying-place, which was arranged according to the following record:

"January 18, 1737-8. Then laid out one acre and eight rods of land for a burying-place to accommodate our farmers that do or may live near the northwest corner of New Milford township; . . . it is laid out on* the south side of the first small brook south of Aaron Gaylord's dwelling house on the west side of the highway or country road on a round hill near said small brook. Laid out by us Stephen Noble and William Gaylord."

Inscriptions in the Gaylordsville Burying-place.

ANDREW E BAILEY | Died | Dec 20, 1872 | Æ 32.	JOHN | son of | Freeman G & Rachel | Bates | Died Feb 7, 1880 | Aged 32. Ever in Rest.
JAMES A Son of | Joel W & | Laura A Bailey | died | July 14, 1841 | Æ 4 y'rs 4 mo | & 21 days.	In memory of Mrs |
JOEL W BAILEY | Died | July 15, 1879 | Æ 71.	ABIAH Wife of Mr Benjm Bennitt who Died October ye | 22, A D 1758 | Aged 31 years.
LAURA A | wife of | Joel W Bailey | Died | Apr 14, 1876 | Æ 67.	MARY Dau of Mr Benjm Bennitt & Mrs | Abiah His Wife | who Died October ye A D 1758 | Aged 15 Ds.
Sacred | to ye memory of Mr	MARSHALL BENEDICT | Died | July 24, 1871 | Æ 56.
GEMALIEL BALDWIN Died | Decr ye 25th, 1765 Æ 49.	In memory of |
Death great Proprietor | of all tis thine | To tread out Empire & to quench ye Stars.	SALLY BENSON | wife of | John | Benson who | Died April 4 | 1823 Aged 32.
DELIA A | daughter of | Freeman G & | Mary R Bates | died | May 2. 1872 | Æ 21 y'rs 8 mo | & 2 D's.	Father | and | Mother |
Weep not for her who's now at rest Where care and pain no more annoy Her spirit smiles from that bright shore And softly whispers weep no more.	CALVIN H BRIGGS | Died | Sep 23, 1880 | Aged 69 Yrs | & 9 Mos.
	LOIS H GOODWIN | His Wife | Died |

EUSEBIA BRIGGS | wife of | Ralph Briggs | Died | Mar 25, 1843 | Aged 28 yrs | 11 mos.

JAMES BRIGGS | Died | May 12, 1859 | Æ 78 yrs 8 mos | & 12 Ds.

In memory of |

PATIENCE wife of | Zephaniah Briggs | who died | May 3, 1829 | in the 76 year of her age.

VICTOR H | son of | Hustid W & Elizabeth | Briggs | Died Sept 17, 1877 | Aged 22.

In | memory of |

ZEPHANIAH BRIGGS | who Died | Dec 16, 1837 | Æ 101 years.

CELICIA BROWNSON | a member of | Truman Gaylord's | family | died Jan 20, 1838 | aged 21 years.

MARY A | wife of | Wm J Buckingham | Died | Jan 11, 1875 | Æ 42.

Little | Sheldon |

The Lord hath need of him.

SHELDON G | son of | William J & | Mary A | Buckingham | died May 17, 1874 | Æ 5 yrs.

MERCILLA | only | daughter of | George & Sarah | Butler | Died | Aug 3d, 1850 | Æ 4 yrs 2 mo.

In | memory of |

ABIJAH CABLE | who died | April 13, 1825 | aged 49 years.

In | memory of |

CHARLOTTE | daughter of | Daniel & Nancy Cable | who died | Oct 14, 1831 | Aged 1 year | & 1 month.

In memory of |

ELIJAH CABLE | son of Daniel Cable | who died Nov 23, 1818 | Æt 36 years.

In | memory of |

EUNICE | wife of | Daniel Cable | died Sept 17, 1818 | Æt 66.

In | memory of |

DANIEL CABLE | who died | Aug 26, 1831 | Æt 86.

PAULINA D | wife of | Abijah Cable | Died | Oct 11, 1859 | Aged 26.

FRANK TURNEY | son of Abijah & | Paulina D Cable | Died | Oct 10, 1859 | Aged 3 yrs.

In memory of |

RUTH CABLE | wife of Abijah Cable | who died 23d Sept | 1820 | Aged 51 years.

BARNETTE CAMP | son of | William T & Lydia A Camp | Died | June 5, 1860 | Æt 23 yr's.

Oh shed no tear for him the sainted one
Thus early summoned from a world of woe
Life's battle o'er he's gained the victors crown
And angel hands have placed it on his brow.

EDWIN S | Son of | William T & Lydia A Camp | Died | May 15, 1867 | Æt 24 yrs.

Weary days and months of suffering
Hard to bear are ended now
And a glory bright and heavenly
Rest upon our loved one's brow.

FANNY E | daughter of | William T & Lydia A Camp | Died | Nov 27, 1855 | Æ 19 y'rs.

I am going sisters brothers
Weep not mother when I'm gone
Jesus will be with you ever
And you will not be alone
Now my Saviour now I come
Friends adieu I'm going home.

In | memory of |

HANNAH wife of | Day Chamberlin | who died | Nov 30, 1847 | aged 55 yrs | & 9 mo.

CHARLIE J | son of | Julian E & Phebe M | Clark | Died Oct 11, 1879 | aged 1 year.

On that beautiful shore.

JAMES H JR | son of | James H & Lucy Coleman | died | April 7, 1849 | aged 2 y'rs & 5 mo.

Sleep lovely babe | And take thy rest
God called thee home | He thought it best.

Our Rose Bud

ALLIE BELLE | daughter of | Doct Chas F & Allie M Couch | Died | Jan 30, 1871 | Æ 5 Mo & 17 Ds.

In | memory of |

CHARLOTT | daughter of | Jabez & Anna Covill | who died | Aug 5, 1849 | Æ 16 yr's & 11 mo.

ELLEN A | daughter of | Jabez V & Anna Covill | Died | July 20, 1852 Æ 15.

JABEZ U COVILL | Died | June 22, 1878 | Æ 80.

ANNA | His wife Died | Sept 17, 1877 | Æ 79.

In | memory of |

MARTHA | daughter of | Jabez & Anna Covill | who died | Sept 14, 1848 | Æ 21 y'rs & 2 mo.

ALEXANDER E CRANKRIGHT | of Co D 28th Reg Conn Vol | Died | at Barrancas Fla July 13, 1863 | Æ 18.

In | memory of |

JEMIMA | wife of | James Crofut | who died | Dec 28, 1831 | aged 82 yrs.

SARAH E | Daughter of | Horace & Jane Crofut | Died Sep 13, 1872 | Æ 2 yrs & 7 mo.

Also an Infant son.

In | memory of |
CAROLINE A | eldest daughter of the Rev
 Josiah L. and | Caroline Dickerson |
 who departed this life | August 16,
 1836 | Aged 15 years 10 mo.

In sure and steadfast hope to rise
 And claim her mansion in the skies
 A Christian hero her flesh laid down
 The cross exchanging for a crown.

Sacred | To the memory of |
CAROLINE | wife of the Rev Josiah L.
 Dickerson | who departed this life |
 August 6, 1833 | in the 33 year of her
 age.

She has gone to join the triumphs of the skies
 And range the azure fields of pleasure there
 With mingled feelings lo I see her rise
 With mournful joy her exit to declare.

In | memory of |
LUCY E | second daughter of | the Rev
 Josiah L. & | Caroline Dickerson | who
 departed this life | April 12, 1838 |
 Aged 15 years 5 mo.

Justified through faith alone
 Here she knew her sins forgiven
 Here she laid her burden down
 Hallowed and made meet for heaven.

HENRY E EDWARDS | Died | Oct 20,
 1865 | Aged 30.

Quietly sleep be-loved one
 Rest from thy toil thy labor is done
 Rest till the trump from the opening skies
 Bid thee from dust to glory arise.

In | memory of |
HANNAH | wife of | Thomas Edwards |
 who died June 2, 1862 | Aged 73 y'rs.

THOMAS EDWARDS | died March 8,
 1875 | Aged 85 y'rs.

Weep not for me my husband dear nor be too over
 and
 The fewer years I lived on Earth the fewer faults
 I had
 God called me to his place of rest because he
 thought it was the best.

In | memory of |
JONATHAN EVANS | who died | Nov 16,
 1846 | aged 68 yrs.

JULIA | Daughter of | James N. & | Fan-
 ny E. Evans | Died | July 15, 1857 |
 aged 1 yr & 28 ds.

In | memory of |
LEONARD | son of | Jonathan & | Ruth
 Evans | who died | April 2, 1827 |
 Aged 14.

LYDIA EVANS | Died | Aug 12, 1853 |
 Aged 52.

In | memory of |
RUTH wife of | Jonathan Evans | who
 died | March 21, 1844 | aged 63 years.

ABIGAIL wife of Wm H. Fairchild |
 Born | Aug 14, 1803 | Died | Dec 25,
 1855.

CHAUNCEY M | son of | Charles B. &
 Ellen A. | Fairchild | died Oct 8, 1868 |
 aged 7 mos.

CHAUNCEY M | son of | William H. and |
 Abigail Fairchild | Born | May 9,
 1828 | Died | Sep 17, 1866.

DANIEL FAIRCHILD | Died | March 1,
 1865 | Aged 60.

In | memory of |
DANIEL M FAIRCHILD | who died the 16
 Apr | 1819 | Aged 44 years.

In | memory of |
PHEBE | wife of | Daniel M. Fairchild |
 who died | Feb 26, 1836 | Aged 61 years.

POLLY ANN | Daughter of | William & |
 Laura Ferry | Died | March 14, 1846 |
 aged 5 mos.

In memory of |
AARON GAYLORD | who died Feby 2d,
 1807 in | the 72nd year of his | age.

In memory of | Mr
AARON GAYLORD | who Died Augt ye
 24th | 1767 Aged 56.

In memory of
ARON GAY | LORD who died 23d | July,
 1793 aged | 19 years.

In | memory of |
ARMINDA GAYLORD | wife of David Gay-
 lord | who died | Jan 23, 1827 | aged 53
 yrs & 9 mo.

Little | Bell

Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

FLORENCE BELL | Daughter of | Charles
 S. & | Caroline J. Gaylord | Died | May
 16, 1856 | Aged 10 mo.

Sacred to the Memory | of
BENJAMIN son of | Nathan Gaylord who |
 died Jany 2d, 1805 Aged | 25 Years.

Behold fond man see here thy pictured life.

Sacred to the memory of | Deacon
BENJAMIN GAYLORD | who died the 6th
 of April, 1792 in | the 71st Year of his
 age having | sustained an office in the
 church | 31 Years.

Death's fatal shafts the Nervous arm unstrung
 And rests the mouldering body in the Tomb
 The Soul Triumphant to his God has flown
 And shines a laurel in Messiah's crown.

CATHARINE | wife of | Ebenezer Gay-
 lord | Died | Nov 22, 1830 | aged 83 yrs.

CHARLES S. GAYLORD | died | Oct 26,
 1862 | Aged 50.

I know that my redeemer liveth.

CHARLOTTE J. | wife of | Charles S. Gay-
 lord | Died | June 5, 1857 | Aged 35.

When Christ who is our life shall | appear then
 shall ye also appear | with him in glory.

In memory of |
DANIEL son of Deen | Benjamin & Tryal
 Gay | lord who Died March | ye 16th,
 1774 Æ 19.

DANIEL GAYLORD | Died | May 21, 1862
 Æ 83.

Now if we be dead with Christ we believe that
 we shall also live with him.

DANIEL H GAYLORD | Died | June 18,
 1831 | Æt 55.

Also His wife |
PHENE GAYLORD | Died | May 14, 1857 |
 Æt 81.

DAVID GAYLORD | Born Jan 5, 1770 |
 Died Dec 17, 1847 Æ 78 years.

DELIA | Daughter of | Daniel Gaylord |
 Died | Jan 9, 1867 | Æt 52.

DENNIS GAYLORD | Died | Oct 11, 1863 |
 Æt 91.

Died | April 20, 1834 |
ELIZABETH | wife of Peter Gaylord | Æ
 49 years 8 months | & 4 days.

In memory of |
EBENEZER GAYLORD | who died August
 14, 1816 | aged 70 years.

EMILY GAYLORD | Died Dec 16, 1856 |
 Æt 39.

To live is Christ to die is gain.

In memory of | Mrs
ESTHER wife of | Trewman Gaylord | who
 died Oct 6th, 1802 | aged 33 years.

EUNICE GAYLORD | Died | Sep 29, 1879
 | Aged 72.

In memory of | Mrs
EUNICE | wife of Capt William | Gaylord
 who died | Decr 11th, 1797 in the | 55th
 year of her age.

Earth—Little Flora—Heaven.

FLORRIE HOUGHTON | daughter of |
 Rev J H & A S Gaylord | died Oct 13,
 1862 | Æ: 1 yr 7 mos | & 15 ds.

In memory of |
HANNAH | wife of | Trewman Gaylord |
 who died | of Consumption | Feb 26,
 1857 | in the 59 year of | her age.

HARRIET GAYLORD | Died | Oct 11,
 1863 | Æt 53.

I know that my redeemer liveth.

In | memory of |
HERMON | son of Peter & | Elizabeth Gay-
 lord | who departed this | life June 21,
 1833 | Æ 20 years | 6 months | & 14 ds.

Behold fond youth as you pass by
 As you are now so once was I
 As I am now you soon must be
 Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of |
IRANA GAYLORD | wife of Aaron Gay-
 lord | who died Sept 1st, 1807 | in the
 74th year of her age.

IRENE | wife of Nathan Gaylord | Died |
 Dec 29, 1851 | Æt 66.

Her children rise up | and call her blessed.

In memory of |
JOANNA GAYLORD | Daughter of Aron |
 Gaylord who died | 25th July, 1793 | aged
 | 24 Years.

MARY ANN | wife of | John Gaylord |
 Died | Nov 2, 1849 | Æ 33.

In | memory of |
JOSEPH GAYLORD | who died | July 26,
 1841 | Æ 59.

The sweet remembrance of the just
 Does flourish now he sleeps in dust.

In memory of
LUCY B wife of | Wm Gaylord | who
 died | May 31, 1834 | in the 49 year | of
 her age.

This stone is erected | to perpetuate the
 memory | of

NATHAN GAYLORD | who died of the con-
 sump | tion July 29, 1806 | aged 57
 years.

No age nor sect from death is free
 O think of death then think of me.

Died | April 5, 1859 |
MARY JANE | daughter of John | & Mary
 Ann | Gaylord Æ 5 yrs | 1 mo & 24 ds.

But Jesus said suffer lit | the children and forbid
 them not to come unto me | for of such is the
 Kingdo | m of heaven.

In | memory of |
MIMA GAYLORD | Relict of | Joseph
 Gaylord. | who died | July 4, 1842 |
 Aged 57 yrs.

Rest here dear friend in peaceful | slumbers rest
 life's toils and labors | all are ended now.

NATHAN GAYLORD | Died | March 20,
 1855 | Æt 81.

In memory of |
PETER GAYLORD son of Benjn | Gaylord
 who departed | this life Sept 28th,
 1793 in the | 42nd Year of his age.

PETER GAYLORD | Died | March 8, 1879
 | Aged 95.

In memory of |
PHENE GAYLORD | wife of Mr Aaron
 Gaylord | who died Decr 26th, 1795 | in
 the 84th Year of her age.

ROSANNA | wife of | Daniel Gaylord |
 Died Feb 13, 1857 | Æt 79.

The memory of the just is blessed.

In memory of |
RUTH GAYLORD | who died | Dec 13,
 1833 | aged 42.

Go home my friends dry up your tears
 Here I must lie till Christ appears.

In memory of Mrs |
RUTH the wife of | Deacon Benjamin |
 Gaylord who departed | this life March
 the 28 | 1784 Aetas 60 | Years.

In memory of | Mrs
RUTH wife of | Nathan Gaylord who |
 died May 10th, 1804 in | the 50th year
 of her Age.

SARAH E | wife of | Irwin B Gaylord |
 Died | Sept 23, 1849 | Aet 22.

TRUMAN GAYLORD Died | Mar 23, 1858 |
 Aet 92.

In memory of | Mrs
TRYAL ye wife of | Mr Benjamin Gay-
 lard | who Died July ye 17th | 1755 Aet
 30.

WILLIAM GAYLORD | Born Dec 9, 1777 |
 Died Oct 15, 1849 | in the 72 Year | of
 his age.

In memory of Capt
WILLIAM GAYLORD | who died August
 31st | 1800 in the 61st year of his age.

In memory of | Mr
WILLIAM GAYLARD who | Departed
 this | Life Octr ye 25 | A D 1753 aged |
 73 years.

WILLIAM H | son of | Daniel H | &
 Phebe Gaylord | Died 28th Sept,
 1821 | aged 4 years.

BREEB | Son of | Jonathan & Philomela
 Giddings died Dec 26 | 1821 Aet 11 mo |
 & 14 Days.

JOHN SHERMAN | son of | Jonathan and
 Philomela Giddings | Died Apr 5,
 1822 | Aet 3 years.

In memory of
JONATHAN GIDDINGS | died April 8,
 1817 | Aged 76.

In memory of
HANNAH dau of | Jonathan & Lydia |
 Giddings who died | March 21, 1813 |
 aged 7 months.

In memory of |
JONATHAN GIDDINGS | who died | April
 9, 1834 | Aet 57.

Happy Soul thy days are ended
 All thy mourning days below
 Go by angel guards attended
 To the sight of Jesus go.

In Memory of |
MARY GIDDINGS | widow of | Jonathan |
 Giddings who was | Born Jan'y 1, 1745
 & | Died Feby 20, 1824 | aged 79 Years.

In memory of |
LYDIA wife of | Jonathan Giddings Jr |
 who died | March 21, 1813 | Aet 30.

PHILOMELA | wife of | Jonathan Gid-
 dings | Died | Dec 18, 1857 Aet 73.

In memory of |
EUNICE wife of | Samuel Goodsell | who
 died | Oct 18, 1817 | Aet 46.

In memory of |
URY B | son of Samuel | and Lucretia |
 Goodsell who | died Sept 21, | 1822 Aet
 1 year | and 6 months.

SAMUEL GOODSELL | died June 9, 1840
 | aged 73 years.

LUCRETIA his 2d wife | died March 22,
 1840 | aged 58 years.

In memory of |
ANEGAIL wife of | David Gorham | who
 died | April 26, 1816 | Aet 65.

MARY E GRAVES | Died | Mar 28, 1874
 | Aged 57 y'rs 1 mo | & 3 d's.

Gone to rest.

MINNIE GRAVES wife of | Rollin H
 Cooke | Died | Oct 21, 1868 | Aged 25
 y'rs | & 10 d's.

Dear | Minnie how we miss thee. |

WILLIAM H | GRAVES M D | Died |
 Nov 26, 1866 Aged 29 y'rs 1 mo | &
 5 D's.

"Asleep in Jesus."

WILLIAM H HALLOCK | Died | Feb 20,
 1880 | Aged 23 Y'rs | & 8 mos.

"Oh think of the Home over there." |

BELLE | Died | Sept 11, 1862 | Aet 2 yrs
 & 7 mo. Daughter of | Trowbridge &
 | Phebe Handlin.

DEALIA O | wife of | Leman E Hendrix
 | Died | Aug 10, 1862 | Aet 29 Yrs 5
 Mo | & 15 Ds.

ESTELLE | Died | Oct 30, 1861 | Aet 3 yrs
 & 5 mo Daughter of Trowbridge & |
 Phebe A Handlin.

WILBERT | Died | Sept 21, 1862 | Aet 10
 mo son of | Trowbridge & Phebe A
 Handlin.

RUSSEL W | son of | Frederick & Han-
 nah | Holmes died Dec 27, 1831 | Aet 6
 mo 20 ds.

Sleep on sweet babe & take thy rest
 God called thee home | he thought it best.

WILLIAM G | son of | Ephraim & | Jane
 Hubbell | died | April 10, 1847 | aged
 15 years | 7 mo & 2 d's.

I heard a sigh a mournful sigh
 Come from a dying rose
 It spoke and then I heard it say
 My life is near its close.

JAMES A HUNGERFORD | Died | Aug 12, 1857 | Æ 64 yrs.

In | memory of |
MARY HUNGERFORD | wife of | Horace
Hungerford | who died | May 1st, 1803
| Aged 21 years.

PATTY | wife of | James A Hungerford |
Died June 1, 1874 | Æ 70 yrs.

In | memory of |
JULIA ANN wife of | Phineas Hurd | who
died | April 21, 1828 | in the 29 year |
of her age.

SUSIE M HUTCHINSON | wife of | Henry
W Evans | Died | Oct 7, 1872 | Æ 29.

I would not live away.

In | memory of |
CLARINDA | wife of | David Jones | who
died | Nov 1, 1857 | aged 67 years.

In | memory of |
DAVID JONES | who died | July 2, 1847
| aged 63 yrs 2 mo | & 27 ds.

DAVID R | son of David & | Clarinda
Jones | died | Jan 30, 1842 | Æ 16 yrs
& 5 mo.

SARAH | wife of | Henry F Knapp | Died
| Feb 23, 1847 | Æ 24 YRS | & 4
months.

Also |

SARAH AMELIA | Daughter of | Henry F
| & Sarah Knapp.

In | memory of |
LUCY | wife of | William A Knapp |
Who died | April 27, 1846 | Aged 45
years.

WILLIAM A KNAFF | Died | Aug 17,
1873 | Æ 76 Yrs 7 Mo's | & 22 D's.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

In | memory of |
CHARLES | son of | Northrop & | Sarah
Kellogg | who died | March 5, 1844, |
aged 2 years | & 2 mo.

In | memory of |
THOMAS KELLOGG | who died | Dec 17,
1826 | Æ 47.

SOLOMON LEE | Died May 12, 1822 |
Æ 70.

WILLIAM P LEE | Died | March 2d,
1842 | Æ 43 yrs 8 m & 6 d.

In | memory of |
SARAH ELIZA | daughter | of George &
| Sarah Ann Mallory | who died | Aug-
ust 15, 1834 | Aged 7 yrs 1 mo | & 15
days.

WARNER MARSH | Died | April 19,
1866 | Æ 68.

Widow |

SARAH MERWIN | former relict of | Peter
Gaylord | died Oct 13, 1848 | Aged 92
years.

This stone |
is to Perpetuate the Memory of |
ESTHER MERWIN | who died May 31st,
1810 | Aged 33 Years.

Stop & behold as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death & follow me.

DAVID MONROE | Died | March 30, 1854
| Aged 77 yrs.

FRANCIS W | Son of Bennet E & | Ma-
ria Monroe | died | May 6, 1846 | aged
9 mo.

MARY C | Daughter of | Bennet E & |
Maria Monroe | died | Oct 6, 1846 |
aged 4 y'rs.

POLLY | Wife of | David Monroe | Died
Aug 19, 1875 | Æ 84.

We mourn our loss.

In | memory of |
SALLY A MOOR | Died | June 21, 1867 |
aged 26 Y'rs 3 mo's.

FRANK WILSON | son of | Lewis W & |
Rose E Mosher | Died | Aug 15, 1873
| Aged 11 mos | & 20 d's.

ROSE E | wife of | Lewis W Mosher |
Died | May 13, 1878 | Aged 33.

WATTIE J | son of | Earl P & | Lottie R
Mosher | Died | Sept 28, 1874 | Aged
2 yrs | 9 mos & 21 ds.

ANDREW | son of | Warner & | Eveline
Marsh | Died | Sept 13, 1851 | Æ 2 yrs
& 8 mo.

In | memory of |
LUCY MARIAH | daughter of | George W
& | Phebe Marsh | who died | March
7, 1838 | aged 1 year | & 9 months.

Here rest thy dust sweet babe |
till the Arch Angels trump shall |
bid it rise to immortality; then |
join thy spirit pure and be |
forever blest.

In memory of |
ENNIS daughter | of Moses and | Pa-
tience Northrop who departed this |
life Janr 12th, 1787 | in the 26 year | of
her Age.

In memory of |
NATHANIEL OSHORN | for seven years a
| soldier of the | Revolution | who
died Dec 1811 | in the 57 year of his
age.

BETSEY | Wife of | Daniel A. Pickett |
Died | May 11, 1859 | Æ 87.

GEORGE E | son of | Henry R & | Re-
becca Piercy | Died | March 17, 1850
| aged 1 mo & 13 ds.

MARCUS O PLATT | Died Feb 21, 1858 |
æ 52 y'rs.

SARAH F | Daughter of Marcus O & |
Betsy A Platt | Died March 5, 1859 |
Æt 19 yrs.

LOUISA P | Daughter of | Marcus O & |
Betsy A Platt | Died Apr 4, 1860 Æt
15 yrs.

In | memory of |
MARY | Wife of | Shelden Platt | who
died | May 1, 1845 | Aged 63 y'rs.

In memory of
SHELDEN PLATT | who died | April 7,
1847 | aged 67 y'rs.

The | Grave of |
EARL | Son of | William & | Eliza Rob-
erts | who died | July 29, 1841 | æ 8
years 9 mo & 12 ds.

HELEN A | Wife of | Henry Roberts |
Died | Sept 24, 1862 | Æt 31.

JOHN ROBERTS | Born | Dec 19, 1824 |
Died | Sep 30, 1850 | Aged 25 yrs.

The | Grave of |
WM JAY | Son of Wm | & Eliza Roberts
| who was drowned | Nov 23, 1832 &
his Remains | found & interred | March
31, 1833 | Æt 11 yrs | & 5 mo.

In | memory of |
ERENEZER SANFORD | who Died March
29 | 1822 | Aged 72 years.

ERENEZER SANFORD | Born Dec 19, 1794
| Died April 5, 1863.

His wife |
EUNICE A SANFORD | Born Jan 11, 1799
| Died Dec 22, 1870.

Father ——— Mother.

In | memory of |
GEORGE son of | Ebenezer & | Eunice A
Sanford | who died | May 29, 1859 |
Aged 19 years.

In | memory of |
JERUSHA | wife of | Ebenezer Sanford |
who died | Feb 16, 1855 | Æt 97.

Ruth Buck was buried beside the latter,
who was her sister, but at her special
order, no stone, except a plain one to
mark the place of the grave—but with
no inscription on it—was placed at the
head.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL SKELEY | who died | Nov 3,
1832 | Aged 55 years.

Died | Sept 20, 1848 | Asahel Sherwood
| Æt 66.

PHIBE | wife of Asahel Sherwood Died
| Jan 18, 1855 | Æt 86.

Died Oct 12, 1855 | Orren | son of | Ira
& Betsey Sherwood | Æt 14 years | &
8 mos.

DAVID STERLING | Died | Feb 18, 1870
| Æt 81.

Sherwood (Monument).

HENRY | son of | Lewis B & Laura E |
Sherwood | Died Sept 5, 1848 | Aged
6 yrs & 9 mos.

LEWIS B SHERWOOD | Born Nov 4, 1809
| Died July 19, 1879 | Aged 69.

LAURA C | His wife | Born Aug 10, 1815
| Died ——— Aged ———.

In | memory of |
MARY ANN | Daughter of | Reuben & |
Kezia Sherwood | died | March 21,
1818 | in the 52 year | of her age.

IRA SHERWOOD | Died | Mar 12, 1863 |
Æt 48.

In | memory of |
IRA SHERWOOD | who died | Nov 3, 1844
| Æt 48 years.

JAY W SHERWOOD | Died | Feb 24, 1873
| Æt 35.

In | memory of |
KEZIA wife of | Reuben Sherwood | who
died | June 11, 1846 | aged 73 yrs 3 mo
| & 11 ds.

Died | Oct 22, 1855 | Oliver | son of |
Ira & | Betsey Sherwood | Æt 3 years
| & 4 mos.

WILLIS SHERWOOD | Died | Feb 20, 1866
| Æt 69.

CYNTHIA A | His wife | Died | Æt.

BETSEY | wife of | David Sterling | Died
| July 25, 1875 | Æt 90.

In | memory of |
EPHRAIM STERLING | who died | Jan
13th 1811 | Aged 68 years.

HOMER STERLING | Died | July 20, 1864
| Aged 48 yrs.

In memory of
SARAH STERLING | wife of | Capt Eph-
raim Sterling | who died | March 8,
1835 | Aged 87 years.

In memory of |
PHILO STILSON who | Departed this life
| December the 12th | 1787 in the 33d
year | of his Age.

H In | S

memory of |
HERMON STONE | who died | Feb 25,
1828 | aged 34 years 10 mo | & 11 days.

In | memory of |
IRANA | wife of | Hermon Stone | who
died July 26 | A D 1821 | aged 26 years.

Died | June 28, 1835 |
CHARLES | son of Hanson | & Mary Ann
| Tibbets | Aged 6 weeks.

ELIZABETH CROFURT | wife of | Derick
Tibbets | Died | Aug 27, 1871 | aged
80 yrs.

Little | Mina |
Early lost—early saved.

ERMINA G | Daughter of | Oliver &
Louisa | Turkington | Died | Dec 12,
1859 | Aged 2 years | & 5 months.

Of such is the | Kingdom of heaven.

DERICK TIBBETS | Died | June 25, 1861
| Aged 73 years.

In | memory of |

FREDERICK LEVAN | son of | Hanson A
& | Mary Ann Tibbets | who was
drowned | Feb 20, 1841 | aged 2 years
11 mo | & 21 ds.

Died | Nov 2, 1828 | infant son | of Han-
son & | Mary Ann | Tibbets | Aged 3
weeks.

HENRY A TIBBETS | died | at Honolulu
| Sept 16, 1863 | Æ 37.

In | memory of |

JAMES C TIBBETS | son of | Derick | &
Elizabeth | Tibbets who Died 7 Sept,
1820 | Æ 11 months.

In | memory of |

JAMES C 2d | son of | Derick & | Elizabeth
Tibbets | who died Nov 18th, 1824 |
Aged 1 year 7 mo | & 7 days.

In memory of |

JEMIMA B 2d | daughter of | Derick | &
Elizabeth Tibbets | who died May 28,
| 1827 | Æ 9 yrs | & 7 mo.

In memory of |

JEMIMA B | daughter of | Derick & |
Elizabeth Tibbets | died | Oct 23, 1817
| aged 2 years.

In | memory of |

NATHANIEL TERRY | who died | Nov 12,
1832 | aged 86 years | & 7 mo.

MARY ANN | wife of | Hanson Tibbets |
Died Feb 27, 1868 | Æ 60.

In | memory of |

MARTIN VAN BUREN | son of | Derick &
Elizabeth Tibbets | who died | Dec 14,
1843 | aged 10 yrs | & 4 ds.

In | memory of |

OBEDIAH TIBBETS | died | April 26, 1818
| Æ 71.

In | memory of |

REBECCA | wife of | Obediah Tibbets |
who died | Oct 16, 1841 | aged 86 yrs.

SARAH | Wife of | Trobridge Handlin |
Died | Sept 14, 1855 | Æ 28.

FREDERICK | son of | Trobridge & |
Phebe A Handlin | died Aug 8, 1866 |
Æ 3 yrs & 5 mo.

SARAH E | Daughter of | Derick & Eliz-
abeth | Tibbets | died | Feb 8, 1870 |
Æ 39.

Blessed Sleep.

In | memory of |

MISS ELECTA WALLER | daughter of |
Mr Peter & Mrs Hannah Waller |
Who died Dec 1, 1817 | in the 30 year
| of her age.

Life how short ! | Eternity how long !

HOWARD | son of | John T & | Augusta
T | Underhill | Died | Dec 1, 1871 |
Æ 3 yrs & 10 mo.

Howard

"He shall gather the | lambs
with his arm | and carry them
in | his bosom."

In | memory of |

HANNAH | wife of | Peter Waller | who
died | Dec 22, 1827 | Æ 78 years.

In | memory of |

PETER WALLER | Who died | March 13,
1831 | Aged 84.

In | memory of |

REBECCA WALLER | who died | Jan 27,
1839 | Aged 55 years.

WALTER TALBOT | only son of | J H &
Lena Ward | Died | Feb 14, 1875 |
Aged 5 mo & 20 Ds.

"They are without fault | before the throne of
God."

In | memory of |

BETSEY E | daughter of | Elijah & Bet-
sey Warner | who departed this life |
Nov 9, 1828 | aged 15.

Died | June 14, 1837 |

CHARLES G | son of | Orra & | Betsey
Warner | Aged 6 mo | & 15 ds.

This lovely bud so young and fair,
Called hence by early doom
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom.

RUSSELL B WARNER | died Nov 7, 1825
| in the 16 year of | his age.

Died | For his Country | Dec 23, 1862 |
WILLIAM C | son of | Orra & Betsey
Warner | Æ 18 yrs.

In | memory of |

ABRAHAM WYANT who died | April 18,
1846 | Aged 48 yrs 9 mo | & 3 ds.

Do think as you pass by
How sudden was my death
And may you all prepare to die
Before you end your breath.

In | memory of |

ELVIRA | daughter of | Abraham & | Par-
nelia Wiant | who died | Oct 5, 1831 |
Æ 16 years 10 mo.

JOHN WOODRUFF | Died | June 29, 1849
| Æ 31 years.

Peter Gaylord built a store building and established a store in it, at the east end of the Gaylordsville bridge, where the store furthest north now stands, and continued in business many years, and afterwards Mr. John Gaylord, his son, conducted the same some years, and following him was the firm of Gaylord and Underhill, and then Charles R. Stone, who is the occupant at the present time.

Another store is now open a little way south of the former, on the corner of the street. The following are the persons who have at different times during many years conducted the business there. The first were Horace Marsh and Warner Marsh; following them were Giddings and Barlow; then Bradley B. Barlow alone; then Alanson and William Canfield; after them Platt and Gaylord; then Morris Barlow, and after him Jonathan Giddings; then John Gaylord; and following were Pike and Couch; then Frederick and Edward Starr; and finally Mr. Alexander H. Barlow, who commenced in 1859, and still continues it.

Sylvanus Merwin built a store building on the west side of the river not far from the bridge, and established a store in it on the 1st day of September, 1827. After continuing it until 1835, he opened a hotel in connection with it and conducted both until 1843, when he rented this property and removed to the railroad station where he had erected buildings, beginning them in 1841, while the road was being constructed, for the purpose of keeping a hotel and a victualling station for travelers on the road. Passengers on both trains dined at his house from 1843 to 1877, he having a contract with the railroad requiring them to stop each train for this purpose. The dining part is now discontinued, but the hotel is continued. This station is about half a mile from the meeting house on the west side of the river.

Post-Masters at Gaylordsville.

Peter Gaylord, appointed May 3, 1826.

Sylvanus Merwin, appointed Dec. 8, 1838.

Sylvanus Merwin, re-appointed June 27, 1840, and the name of the office changed to Ousatonic.

Peter Gaylord, appointed June 30, 1841.

Peter Gaylord, appointed July 2, 1841, and the name of the office changed to Gaylord's Bridge.

John Gaylord, appointed Feb. 9, 1842.

Sylvanus Merwin, appointed June 13, 1853, and the name of the office changed to Merwinsville.

John Gaylord, appointed June 6, 1861, and the name of the office changed to Gaylordsville.

Sylvanus Merwin, appointed April 22, 1867.

Alexander H. Barlow, appointed April 26, 1869.

The office now known as South Kent, formerly Bulls Bridge, was originally known as Ousatonic, and after the name was changed to Bulls Bridge, the name Ousatonic was given the Gaylordsville office for a short time.

Mr. William Roberts having learned the clothier's trade at Danbury, went to Gaylordsville in 1819, built a dam across the Housatonic river, built a grist-mill on the east side of the river and clothier's works—that is, carding and cloth-dressing works, on the west side of the river. He afterward added the machinery and prosecuted the work of manufacturing satinets. He continued to conduct these interests with success a little more than thirty years, when he sold the whole property to a New York company, who proposed to add the work of a marble-quarry, a little distance up the river. For this purpose they built a long dam across the Womenshenuck River. Soon after, in 1852, there came a great flood, so that the water in the Housatonic river rose 23 feet; which carried away the clothing works against the bridge across the river, and swept that away, and landed the cloth mill upright in a meadow some distance down the river. This was the end of the manufacturing enterprises at that place.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Gaylordsville.

Methodist preaching had been occasional at this place for some years, until in the autumn of 1824, when an unusual religious interest occurred, and a church was organized by the Rev. C. Silliman, with the following members:

Benjamin B. Soule,
Homer Waller,
Martha Waller,
Peter Gaylord,
Elizabeth Gaylord,
Truman Gaylord,
John Gaylord,
Spencer Ward,
Patty Ward,
Herman Stone,

Laura Hendrix,
Polly Pine,
Clarissa Judd,
Sally Judd,
William Terry,
James A. Hungerford,
Patty Hungerford,
Rufus Burman,
David Jones.

The house of worship was erected in 1826.

The following is a list of the pastors appointed to this charge by the M. E. Conference : Revs. John Reynolds, William Juett, Fitch Reed, Samuel Cochran, Uriah Fisher, Aaron S. Hill, Francis Donoly, J. O. Worth, Charles Stearns, Alonzo Sellick, William H. Barnes, David Nash, D. T. Littlewood, John H. Gaylord, Frank Lockwood, G. S. Gilbert, Samuel Weeks, Benjamin Bedford, William Ross, Frederick Brown, Seth W. Scofield, Alexander McAlister, Joseph Henson, B. M. Genung, Uriah Simons, William A. Dalton, B. F. Eldson, Robert Kay.

The present officers are : Trustees, Charles Pomeroy, Clinton H. Pomeroy, James Pine, John Flynn, A. H. Barlow ; Stewards, John Gaylord, S. C. Ferris, John Flynn, C. H. Pomeroy, N. J. Buckingham, Sherman Benedict, H. O. Ward, John T. Underhill, Ezra Barnum.

The membership of the church numbers eighty-eight. Originally this charge was a part of the Amenia Circuit. When the New York East Conference was formed by a division of the then New York Conference, Gaylordsville fell into the New York East Conference, but a few years ago it was changed to the New York Conference with which it is still connected.

The Institute.

Some years since a building was erected nearly across the way from the M. E. Church, which has been called the Institute ; and in which lectures and other public meetings have been held. Lately, for a time the Baptist people have held meetings in it.

There was a Baptist Church organized in this place about the year 1830.

Gaylordsville has become quite a market place for tobacco, there being shipped annually from 1,500 to 2,000 cases, at a value of about one million of dollars. Mr. Martin L. Hungerford is the largest shipper of this article.

CHAPTER XXII.

BRIDGEWATER.



THE first man to whom land was surveyed within the territory now comprised in the town of Bridgewater, Ct., was Mr. Samuel Clark, the merchant of Milford, it being a part of the land to the amount of some hundreds of acres which Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., afterwards purchased, and on which his sons, Zerubabel, Azariah, Joseph, and Jeremiah settled. The first was laid in the south part of the town, and near it was afterwards located Samuel Brisco's land.

The second man to whom land was surveyed within this territory seems to have been Daniel Collins, of Milford, to whom 100 acres were laid Nov. 1, 1722, in Shepaug Neck, bounded with undivided land, and two years later more was measured to him, adjoining the first. It is probable that his sons settled on this land some fifteen years later. But neither of the above families settled in New Milford.

The third man to whom land was surveyed in this part of the town was Samuel Brisco, and the records describe some of these pieces thus: "52 acres lying in Shepaug Neck between the brooks called Wawecoes Brooks"; Dec. 25, 1723; and "28 acres in Shepaug Neck by Potatuck Path, and 20 acres in Shepaug Neck, at the south end of Mr. Samuel Clark's land," Jan. 1, 1723-4. In 1726 there were laid to him "20 acres on Clapboard Oak Brook."

Ephraim Burwell had land, 120 acres, laid to him in 1725, in Shepaug Neck, on the south side of Samuel Brisco's land, and the next year other land adjoining this was laid out to him.

The following is the first reliable information obtained as to the first settlers in the territory now composing Bridgewater township:

"Dec. 9, 1734. Voted that Mr. Joseph Benedict and Mr. Ephraim Hawley shall be freed from paying their minister's rate for four months in the winter season for this year in case they pay to a minister at Shepaug in Woodbury."

These men joined the New Milford church in 1739, by letters from Newtown, and must have resided within the New Milford township in 1734. Joseph Benedict's house is mentioned in 1735 as being in Shepaug Neck, near the east branch of Wawecoe's brook.

Jehiel Hawley was one of the pioneer settlers in Bridge-water township, and continued there about thirty years, when he removed. He was a successful farmer, becoming quite wealthy; and was one of the company organized in 1760 to make the settlement of a township at Fort Edward with Roger Sherman. He took a very earnest part in the proposition, in 1761, to make the Housatonic river navigable; and not long after removed to Sharon, or Salisbury, Conn.

Joseph Benedict resided in the Neck, apparently a diligent farmer some years; but very little has been ascertained concerning his family.

Joseph Treat, Jr., had land laid to him, first, May 7, 1724, "in his own Right and in his wife's father, John Buckingham's Right . . . by estimation 200 acres, lying in Shepaug Neck, in one piece, upon a hill between a brook called Wawecoe's Brook and Woodbury bounds, the northwest corner being on the west side of said brook, near the crotch of the brook." The next February he received 75 acres "on the hill east from the East branch of Wawecoe's Brook." He married Hannah Buckingham June 9, 1720, and did not settle in New Milford, but settled his two sons here when they were grown to manhood.

Joseph Treat, Jr., was the son of Lt. Joseph Treat, of Milford, and grandson of Governor Robert Treat. The name "Col. Robert Treat" (who was afterwards the Governor of Connecticut), heads the list of original proprietors of New Milford township.

John Treat, who was born in 1724, son of Joseph 2d, settled on land given him by his father, in Shepaug Neck, upon his marriage to Phebe, daughter of Jehiel Hawley, Oct. 3, 1750. There is a tradition in the family of Stephen Hinc, Jr., of Can-

dlewood Mountain, that his father, Stephen Hine, Sen., of Woodbridge, built the first framed house in Bridgewater, for Joseph Treat, and received land in pay for the work; and this was probably the house in which John Treat made his home and where he lived and died. He was a prominent citizen in the town of New Milford, a successful farmer, and his descendants have continued the honor of the name down to the present time, but nearly all of them are now gone from the town. He died in 1804, in his 80th year.

Gideon Treat, who was born in 1747, son of Joseph, 2d, being 23 years younger than his half-brother John, came to the Neck much later than that half-brother, probably a little before his marriage to Lucretia Washborn, Nov. 13, 1770. His land lay east of Wawecoe's brook, on the ridge, which still remains in possession of his descendants.

He was a very resolute, courageous, working, influential citizen, and successful as a farmer, having one of the best farms in that region of the country. He took an earnest part in establishing the Bridgewater Society, and in building the first meeting-house, and also in supporting the society until his death in 1811, at the age of 63 years, leaving a large land estate.

His widow, Lucretia, died in 1847, in her 97th year.

One of the earliest acts relating to the territory called the Neck was the laying out a burying-place by the vote of the proprietors of the town, May 30, 1753; and there were probably but few inhabitants in that part of the town at that time, and most of them were located south and east of this burying-place, which was the old ground.

The first school district was established Dec. 18, 1758: "Voted that the inhabitants in the southeast part of this society shall have a regular school set up and kept among them within the following limits: Beginning at the Great River at the north end of Joseph Seelye's farm, and from thence running to the northeast corner of Zerubable Canfield's farm, and so continuing the same course to Woodbury line, from thence running south to the southeast corner of New Milford, from thence northerly, bounding westward by said river to the first station—which school shall be under the same regulations and have the same privileges as the other schools in this society, and Mr. Zerubbable

Canfield is appointed . . . the school committee for the year ensuing, and Mr. John Treat is chosen a collector of the school rate for the year ensuing."

In this same year one-half of the expenses of the schools of the town, above public money or funds, were to be collected by a tax, and "the other half, and the whole charges of the wood for said schools, shall be paid by the parents and masters of the children and youth that shall attend said schools." This was passed as applying to the Neck, as well as elsewhere in the town.

After ten years a new district was formed:

"1768. A district for a school beginning at Jeremiah Canfield's dwelling house, then running southward by the highway including David Beach and Nathan Canfield to the Burying Place, then east to Woodbury line, then north so far as to include Elijah Benedict, from thence to the first station, to be called Cranberry Pond District."

The next indication of considerable increase of inhabitants is their petition to the First Ecclesiastical Society, for liberty to hire preaching among themselves during the winter.

"Oct. 12, 1772. Whereas Matthew Wildman, John Treat and David Hitchcock, in behalf of themselves and others in their neighborhood, laying before this meeting the many disadvantages they labor under of attending public worship in the winter, &c., Voted that a line be drawn from William Hutchins's dwelling house eastward in the cross highway to Nathan Canfield's dwelling house, still eastward to Woodbury line against Jonathan "Blakeley's" dwelling house, taking in all the inhabitants south of said line and east of the Great River, within New Milford bounds, and that the said inhabitants may have liberty to hire a Gospel minister to preach amongst them for four months in each year for the term of three years next coming, and in case they have a minister as aforesaid to preach with them, that then they shall draw out of said society treasury one third part of their respective rate for each year as it shall be made up by order of the society, or in case they don't have preaching amongst them the whole of the term as above set forth, then to draw upon their rates out of said treasury only in such proportion as they have stated preaching amongst them within the particular term of each year as aforesaid. Voted in the affirmative."

A further item indicating the increase of inhabitants in this part of the town is found in the establishment of another school district :

"Jan. 4, 1774. Voted that there may be a district for a school, beginning as follows : from the mouth of the brook called Waweroes and to extend all on the west of the road from Mr. John Treat's as high as the bridge called Treat's bridge, and thence to the Great river south of the end of Samuel Dunning's farm, taking in all the inhabitants within these limits."

"Dec. 27, 1784. Upon the petition of John Porter, David Beach and others to the number of about 50, praying for a release of a part of their society rate for the present year, on condition that they hire three months' preaching at the South farms (called the Neck) : Voted that the committee in making up the society rate of one penny on the pound upon list 1784, make up the same but three farthings on the pound upon the lists of the said petitioners living in said farm, provided they hire preaching as aforesaid."

A little over one year later we find a record in the books of the First Society, showing that the people of that part of the town were seeking for a new society by the addition of a part of Roxbury.

"ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MILFORD, May 9, 1785.

"A petition in writing was presented and read in said meeting in the words following : New Milford, May 9, 1785. In legal meeting of the First Ecclesiastical Society in New Milford, the inhabitants of that part of said society known by the name of the Neck, (viz.) those living within the following lines and boundaries :

"Beginning at the north end of Goodyear's Island, thence an easterly line about four miles to Woodbury's west line at a place called the Stone Bridge in said line or near it, thence southward with said Woodbury line to the Great River, thence northwesterly with said river to the first bounds,—the said inhabitants living within said lines request of said society that they grant their permission for the said inhabitants to form a legal ecclesiastical society, and be dissolved from the said First Society and not holden in law to pay rates nor be in any ecclesiastical way connected therewith for six months in the year annually (viz.) from the first day of November to the first day of May For an inducement the said inhabitants beg leave to observe, that the society of Roxbury in Woodbury have voted that the inhabitants and the land from the northeast corner of the proposed society, a due east line to Shepaug River, thence southerly by said river to the south line of said proposed society—all the land and inhabitants on the west side of said river to fall within the proposed society. And further, that the said inhabitants within the proposed society do live from four to nine miles distance from the central meeting house of said society, and that it is not only inconvenient but often impossible to attend public worship with their families, and that they esteem themselves fully able to build a

meeting house and support a regular orthodox minister for the time proposed annually,—that they are £3000 in the grand list for the year past, exclusive of those lands which are not owned by any of the inhabitants of said proposed society; that the soil is generally rich and fertile, and that improvements and settlement could be much increased by this ecclesiastical establishment.

"The whole circumstances taken collectively, we flatter ourselves that the said society will favor our request . . . if the Hon. General Assembly of this State in their wisdom should see fit to grant the same within the limits aforesaid.

"George Smith, John Treat, Jabez Wooster, Jeremiah Canfield, David Beach, Jr., Ezra Botsford, in the name of said inhabitants.

"The above petition approved and accepted by vote of said meeting.

Per ABEL HINE, Society's Clerk."

The next record made by the First Society in relation to this part of the town is: Jan. 24, 1787. "At the request of Matthew Wildman and others living at New Milford Neck, it is agreed that the Rev. Mr. Taylor preach at said farms (if he see cause) three Sabbaths between this time and the last of March next."

On Dec. 15, 1794, the Ecclesiastical Society voted — "That, whereas a request of a number of inhabitants living in the Neck, so called, that they might have part of their society tax abated for the purpose of hiring some person to preach in that quarter of the town during the inclement season, in lieu thereof that Mr. Griswold (should he feel willing) preach there one Sunday in each of the months of January, February and March."

For a number of years following a vote was passed in the society to the same effect, and Mr. Griswold continued to preach at that place.

During Mr. Griswold's pastorate in New Milford he preached regularly one Sunday in each of the three winter months, probably so long as he was here; but upon his leaving the place, the Neck people moved at once for more services than they had secured previously, as is seen by the following record:

"Dec. 20, 1802. The people in the Neck, so called, then petitioned to have preaching in the Neck in proportion to the tax they pay — they building a meeting house for that purpose, and after much conversation on the subject it was voted to appoint a committee of conference, and that Abijah Treat, Esqr., Andrew Minor, Ralph Smith, Abel Merwin, Col. J. Starr and Ebenezer Gaylord, be that committee."

The Baptists in Bridgewater.

It was about the time or soon after Mr. Taylor began to preach regularly, certain portions of the year, in the Neck, that Baptist preaching was also started there. What the peculiar occasion was that opened the way for it, has not been ascertained, but a certificate is recorded, with a number of others in the book of the First Society, showing that a Baptist meeting had been established and contributions made to it, as follows: "Sep. 5, 1788. These are to certify that Nathaniel Lockwood is a steady attender to the Baptist meeting having made a public profession of religion in that way, and he doth contribute his due proportion for the support of the gospel in the Baptist Society.

"Given by order of the church and signed by me.

NATHANIEL FINCH, Elder."

And in the same month like certificates, signed by the same Elder, were presented to the society's clerk by the following persons: Solomon Noble Sanford, Zechariah Sanford, Daniel Bars, Jonathan Downs, Jr., Joel Smith, Peter Wooster, and Isaac Wooster. Some years before this,—in 1771, Aaron Payne, residing in the northwest corner of New Milford, had joined the Baptists at Paulings, N. Y., his certificate being signed by Samuel Waldo, Elder; and in 1786 John Carpenter, from this town, had done the same, his certificate certified by the same.

It is quite certain, then, that the Baptist meetings began in 1788, in the Neck with Nathaniel Finch as minister, and that the meeting house was commenced the next year, as is revealed by another certificate: "These certify that George Smith and his son George Clarke Smith have actually and generously contributed towards building a Baptist meeting house in New Milford Neck, and have also declared their intention to join with us for religious worship on the Sabbath. Given by order of the Church, and signed by me.

Dec. 2, 1789.

NATHANIEL FINCH, Elder."

John Sturdivant, Jr., united with this Baptist Society in August, 1789.

This Baptist meeting house was located in what is now the western part of Bridgewater village, that part which was called many years ago "the City," now a little way south of Mr.

Egbert B. Canfield's residence, where the society or church continued to worship until soon after the year 1800, when they sold the church edifice, and no regular services by this denomination has been held there since.

A Fund Raised for the Ecclesiastical Society.

"Whereas the inhabitants of New Milford in that part called the Neck have long been contemplating to be incorporated as a distinct Society, and have frequently petitioned to the First Ecclesiastical Society in said town to grant that the said inhabitants might be incorporated with all the privileges of a distinct society, but meeting with a considerable opposition from said society they have also petitioned to said society to grant and appoint a committee to report to said society at their adjourned meeting whether in their opinion the said inhabitants ought to be a distinct society, and to report how far, in their opinion, the said inhabitants ought to extend north of the established military lines in said Neck for a society, which committee viewing the circumstances do report as their opinion that said inhabitants ought to be incorporated as a distinct society, and the said line to extend north so as to include Capt. John Merwin's dwelling house as specified in said report. Also said committee do report as their opinion that said inhabitants ought to raise a fund by subscription or otherwise, equal to \$2500 for the support of the ministry and then to be vested and incorporated with all the privileges of a distinct society.

Therefore we the subscribers, impressed with a sense of the importance and necessity of establishing a permanent foundation for the support of a preached gospel among us, and being fully persuaded there can be no surer and better method taken for that purpose than to raise a fund by a voluntary subscription, which fund shall be preserved solely for that purpose forever, and to be let out upon interest, which interest shall be carefully applied for the above mentioned purpose.

We do therefore mutually covenant and bind ourselves unto each other that we will pay or secure to be paid such sum or sums as affixed to our respective names, to be paid as aforesaid within one year from the time that the said society privileges shall be granted, to Samuel Lockwood as treasurer for the time

being or his successors in office, whose office and duty it shall be to receive and preserve the said moneys as a bank or fund, and to put out the same upon interest to the best advantage, taking good security for the same in lands or such other security as the proprietors of said bank shall hereafter direct, which interest shall be paid annually, and carefully applied to the support of an able and discreet minister of the gospel in said proposed society and for no other purpose. And said principal to remain unalienable forever, and the said treasurer shall become bound with a security to the faithful discharge of his office in the penal sum of six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents more than the sum or sums put into his hands; said bonds to be drawn to Eli Smith, Ralph Smith and Andrew Minor, as our committee, to receive and take care of the sum until a special committee can be legally chosen and appointed by the said proposed society to do the business.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1803, witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands :

Ezra Botsford,	\$ 50	Job Fenn,	20
Truman Minor,	100	Abraham Fairchild,	25
Andrew Minor,	220	Phineas Gorham,	10
Abijah Treat,	100	Nathan Betts,	30
Ralph Smith,	100	Abijah Terrill,	20
Elizur Bostwick,	33	Nathan Bradley,	10
George Welton,	90	John Treat,	40
Samuel Lockwood,	120	Eli Smith,	180
John H. Treat,	70	Nehemiah Sanford,	20
Gideon Treat,	150	Joel Sanford,	20
John Canfield,	50	Lemuel and Daniel Canfield,	120
Nehemiah Sanford,	35	Nathaniel Porter,	10
Abijah Beach,	35	Justus Weller,	10
Liffe Sanford,	25	Walter Sperry,	10
Jeremiah Canfield,	30	Harvey Sperry,	10
Caleb Beach,	40	James White,	20
Jeremiah Randall,	50	Reuben Warner,	50
Charles Randall,	25	Timothy Beardsley,	50
Philo Porter,	5	Lemuel Beardsley,	10
Benjamin Hamlin,	20	Daniel Booth,	25
John Burr,	50	Daniel Booth, Jr.,	15
Amos Morris,	40	Hermon Fairchild,	5
Phincas Beers,	10	William Nichols,	5
Elisha Hamlin,	20	Samuel Dunning,	15
Richard Randall,	30	Samuel Summers,	5
David Lockwood,	20	Benjamin Mead,	50
Jehiel H. Summers,	15	Jeremiah Platt,	10

Lemuel Jennings,	10	Jonathan Downs,	4
Jonas Sanford,	20	Truman Bennitt,	20
Oliver Summers,	10	Stephen Trowbridge,	10
Ebenezer Trowbridge,	10	John Oviatt,	20
Timothy Randall,	20	Ammon Sperry,	10
James Jessup,	20	Isaac Hawley,	90
Jeremiah Platt, Jr.,	10	Samuel H. Wakelee,	10
John Clark,	20		
Andre Sanford,	20	Total,	\$2626."
Peter Phippeney,	5		

The General Assembly held at New Haven on the 2d day of October, 1803, granted the request of the petitioners according to the following :

"Resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants living within the following lines and boundaries, viz : beginning at the Ousatonic river at the mouth of Town Hill brook, so called, and running from thence up said brook to a bridge where the road crosses said brook, a little eastwardly of Noah Brownson's dwelling house, from thence northeasterly to the center of the highway which leads from New Milford to Roxbury where it is intersected by the road which runs from New Milford Neck northwardly into said highway a little westwardly of Jonathan Bostwick's dwelling house, from thence an eastwardly direction such a course as to intersect a highway which runs northwardly by John Merwin's dwelling house, forty-three rods due north of said Merwin's dwelling house, thence so as to strike the center of a road or passway that runs eastwardly, thence eastwardly in the center of said road or passway nineteen chains, which road or passway runs about forty rods north of the dwelling house of Elisha and Isaac Downs, and from thence, that is from the termination of said nineteen chains a due east course to Roxbury line, and to include all the land south of the above described line and boundaries lying within the said town of New Milford, and east of the centre of Ousatonic river, be and the same are hereby constituted an Ecclesiastical Society by the name of Bridgewater with all the rights, privileges and immunities to other Ecclesiastical Societies appertaining."

Great must have been the gladness of the people upon so favorable an issue of their protracted efforts to have the privileges of the gospel regularly established within convenient distance from their homes, for, it had been sixty-nine years since

"Mr. Joseph Benedict and Mr. Ephraim Hawley" had been first excused from paying their minister's tax, for four months in the winter season, upon condition that they should pay "to the support of a minister at Shepaug in Woodbury," now Southbury. A large proportion of these families resided from four to nine miles from New Milford and only a little less distance from the village of Southbury. Hence it was with haste that they proceeded in the organization of their society and the establishment of regular services. Just one month and a half from the day the society was authorized, the first society meeting was held, and a few items of business transacted, when an adjournment was taken, perhaps in order to prolong the joy of attending to official business, or possibly there was so much talking to be done that but little progress could be made, a failing which has sometimes befallen even the Congress of the United States.

"NEW MILFORD, November 17, 1803.

At a meeting of the Society of Bridgewater, legally warned and holden at the dwelling house of John Canfield in said Society;

Voted 1st. That Ezra Botsford be moderator :

2nd that Truman Miner be clerk for the year ensuing :

3rd that Samuel Lockwood, David Merwin, Jr., Benjamin Mead, Truman Minor and Abijah Treat be a society's committee :

4th that Andrew Minor be Treasurer :

5th that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the first day of December next at one of the clock, afternoon; at the dwelling house of Samuel Lockwood :

Meeting opened according to adjournment.

Voted 1st, that Samuel Lockwood, David Merwin, Truman Minor and Abijah Treat be reconsidered as to being a committee :

2d that this meeting be adjourned from Samuel Lockwood's to Jeremiah Canfield's dwelling house :

3d that Andrew Minor be excused from being treasurer :

4th that Truman Minor be excused from being clerk :

5th that Jonathan Bostwick, Jr., be appointed clerk :

6th that Samuel Lockwood be treasurer :

7th that David Merwin, Jr., and Abijah Treat be a committee :

8th that Andrew Minor, Samuel Lockwood and Amos Morris be appointed agents to treat with the first society in New Milford respecting the Fund :

9th that whenever it shall be necessary to warn a Society meeting it shall be the duty of the society's committee to set up four warnings ; one at the school house near Gideon Treat's, one at the oak tree near George Welton's, one at William Nichols' house, and one at Samuel Lockwood's.

10th that this meeting be dissolved.

JONATHAN BOSTWICK, society's clerk."

Several adjourned meetings were held until they came to Feb. 1st, 1804, when on hearing the report of the agents re-

specting the Fund, they found it "necessary to empower them to pursue the business as far as they judge proper for the benefit of the society."

"Voted 2d that we will lay a tax of five mills on the dollar for the benefit of the society, to be payable by the first of April next; said tax to be laid on the list of 1803.

Voted 3rd that Jeremiah Canfield be collector of said tax :

4th that the society's committee be empowered to hire a minister, and lay out as much of the money to be raised by the tax as they think best for the good of the society :

5th that we will purchase pine timber for the purpose of building a meeting house :

6th that Eli Smith and Benjamin Mead be a committee to purchase said timber."

On Jan. 3, 1805, they voted that "this society does not accept the pine timber purchased by Mr. Eli Smith and Benjamin Mead," and therefore there was the beginning of a little trouble in the start in regard to a meeting house, and there had already arisen a question as to the Fund, and on Sept. 11, 1804, a committee had been appointed "to treat with the Episcopalian order, respecting the Fund," but when their report was made Dec. 30, 1805, they voted "that we regret the doings of Abijah Treat and Samuel Lockwood, appointed as a committee to treat with the Episcopalian society respecting the Fund, and dismiss them from said office," which was considerably sharp on the committee.

The first Assessment list of the Bridgewater Society was made in 1804, and consisted of the following names :

Rhoda Bennett,
Truman Bennett,
Canfield Bennett,
Nathan Betts,
Phinehas Beers,
Thomas Booth,
Joseph Bennett,
Daniel Booth, Jr.,
Jonathan Brown,
Gideon Baldwin,
Caleb Beach,
Samuel A. Botsford,
Ezra Botsford,
Abijah Beach,
Elizur Bostwick,
John
Lemuel Beardsley,

Timothy Beardsley,
David Beach,
Ashbel Bostwick,
Edmund Bostwick,
John Canfield,
Enos Chatfield,
Julius Camp,
Lemuel Canfield,
Daniel Canfield,
Jeremiah Canfield,
Elisha Downs,
Isaac Downs,
Jonathan Downs,
Samuel Dunning,
Abraham Fairchild,
Job Fenn's Estate,
James Fenn,

Phineas Gorham,
 William Gillett,
 Elisha Hamlin,
 Benjamin Hamlin,
 Mark T. Hatch,
 Joshua Hatch,
 Joseph Jennings,
 Lemuel Jennings,
 James Jessup,
 Joseph Judson,
 Elijah Jordan,
 Ralph Keeler,
 Samuel Lockwood,
 David Lockwood,
 Truman Minor,
 Amos Morris,
 Benjamin Mead,
 Andrew Minor,
 David Merwin, Jr.,
 David Merwin, 3d,
 John Merwin,
 William Nichols,
 John Oviatt,
 Philo Porter,
 Nathaniel Porter,
 Jeremiah Platt,
 Abijah Perry,
 James Phippeney,
 Benjamin Ruggles,
 Edmund Richmond,
 Jeremiah Rundle,
 Richard Rundle,

Eli Smith,
 Jehiel H. Summers,
 Liffe Sanford,
 Andrew Sanford,
 Ammon Sperry,
 John Sturdevant,
 Hervey Sperry,
 Nehemiah Sanford, Jr.,
 Joel Sanford,
 Amos Sherman,
 Lyman Summers,
 Oliver Summers,
 Nehemiah Sanford,
 Jonas Sanford,
 Ralph Smith,
 Abijah Tyrrell,
 John Treat's Estate,
 John H. Treat,
 Gideon Treat,
 Daniel A. Treat,
 Abijah Treat,
 Stephen Trowbridge,
 Noah Titus,
 Ebenezer Trowbridge,
 Peter Wooster's heirs,
 James White,
 Justus Weller,
 Reuben Warner, Jr.,
 Reuben Warner,
 James Wright,
 Samuel H. Wakeley,
 George Welton.

On Dec. 31, 1805, finding themselves in the midst of difficulties, and in hope of escaping upon other men's shoulders, which is often very laudable—they voted "that we will petition the Honorable County Court to appoint a committee to pitch or appoint a place where on to build a meeting house, taking into consideration all former written agreements and all verbal agreements, together with the best present and future advantages for the good of the society, and to proceed accordingly," and a committee from adjoining towns was recommended to be appointed by the court. But for some reason (or no reason) the court did not act or its action was unavailing and in September, 1806, they proceeded to renew their petition as follows: "Voted that we will have a committee to view the situation of Bridgewater Society and pitch for a meeting house in said society; that

Shadrach Osborn, Esq., of Southbury, Daniel N. Brinsmade, Esq., of Washington, and Eli Perry, Esq., of Brookfield, be a committee for the above mentioned purpose ; and that Mr. Andrew Minor be appointed to apply to the court for the above named committee." On the report of this committee action was taken Dec. 16, 1806, to this effect "that we do not accept of the doings of the committee in pitching a stake for a meeting house in this Society ; and that we will remove the stake to the Cranberry pond, and that Benjamin Mead, John Canfield, Eli Smith, John Merwin, Amos Morris, David Merwin, Jr., Jonathan Bostwick, Jr., John Smith, and Nehemiah Sanford, Jr., be a committee to pitch a stake at the Cranbury pond for the meeting house." If this had been a Baptist Society, there might have been some intimation of a reason, in the absence of other reservoirs, for going to Cranberry pond, but, for Presbyterians, as they were then almost uniformly called—to make such a resort looks a little like deserting their creed ; but away the committee went to the pond and located the site and all seemed to feel satisfied.

Twenty-three days later the committee reported and the society pushed forward their work according to the record with determined energy.

"Jan. 8, 1807, voted that we will build a meeting house in this Society, with a steeple, this present year, on or near the place where the stake is now pitched, south of the Cranbury pond on James W. and Sally Smith's land—said house to be raised and inclosed ; and that John Canfield, Eli Smith, Abijah Treat, Andrew Minor, Timothy Merwin, and David Merwin, 2d, be a committee to grand view New Stratford and other meeting houses, and make suitable dimensions for a meeting house in this society.

Voted that Eli Smith, David Merwin, 2d, and Andrew Minor, be a committee to take the charge of building the meeting house."

Seven days later they ordered still further that "Amos Morris, Ralph Smith, Elizur Bostwick, Caleb Beach, and John Merwin, be a committee to see to gathering the timber and other materials for building the meeting house and call on the people to labor in that way ; and that the first committee be empowered to inspect and set a price on timber, boards and shingles, when

brought to the place for building the meeting house, and also to set the price of all kinds of labor by the day."

The dimensions of the building were decided Jan. 26, 1807, to be "fifty-two feet long, forty feet wide and twenty-four feet posts. Voted that we will cover the meeting house with shingles; that the price of work from this time to the first of April shall be three shillings and six pence per pay, for a good day's work, and seven for a four cattle team."

A Lottery Ordered.

"Oct. 10, 1807, Voted that we will petition the General Assembly now sitting at New Haven for a grant for a lottery to finish the meeting house now building in the Society of Bridgewater in New Milford; that we do appoint Mr. Andrew Minor our agent to forward our petition; that David Merwin, 2d, John Canfield, Ralph Smith, Truman Minor, and Jonathan Bostwick, Jr., be a committee to appoint managers for the lottery.

Voted that we will paint the steeple all above the deck floor and the trimmings of the meeting house."

There was delay in applying for the lottery, for in the next spring, May 5, 1808, they again voted that they would apply for the privilege.

The meeting house was raised and the frame covered in the summer of 1807, but probably no meetings were held in it until the next spring, when at a society meeting in April held at the house of Augustine Canfield, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the meeting house on the 5th day of the next May, which was perhaps the first assemblage in that house.

To what state of completeness the work on the meeting house was brought during the summer and autumn of 1807, is uncertain, but probably that of the vote at the commencement,—the inclosing and laying of the floor, for, at the annual meeting in December, a call was made for all "accounts for labor or material to be presented to Amos Morris, Ralph Smith, Elizur Bostwick, Caleb Beach or John Merwin;" and that the society's committee should report upon the amount of expenses incurred to that time. The next that we learn from the record of the society as to the completion of the house is that the meeting of the society

was called to meet at the meeting house on the first of May, 1808.

The next annual meeting indicates a better state of its affairs, and is given in full as representing the prominence of persons and prevailing sentiments.

"Dec. 28, 1808. Voted 1st that Capt. John Minor be moderator :

2nd That Jonathan Bostwick, Jr., be clerk :

3rd that Andrew Minor, David Merwin, 2d, and Daniel A. Treat be committee :

4th that Andrew Minor be society's treasurer and treasurer of the Fund :

5th that Ralph Smith be appointed a special committee to take care of the Fund with all the powers specified in a former appointment.

6th that the Society's committee be directed to purchase of James W. Smith a piece of land south of the meeting house for the better accommodation of said society, if they can agree upon reasonable terms.

7th that John Smith, Joseph C. Treat, Caleb Beach, and Augustine Canfield be appointed choristers for said society.

8th that we will lay a tax of one cent on the dollar on the list of 1808 ; and that Joseph C. Treat be collector of said tax.

9th that Andrew Minor, David Merwin, 2d, and Daniel A. Treat be a committee to attend to finishing the meeting house if it is convenient, next summer.

10th. that the meeting house when finished be seated by pews."

A Burying Place in Shepaug Neck.

The Proprietors of the town of New Milford in their meeting April 30, 1753, passed the following: "Voted that Samuel Hitchcock and Jehiel Hawley shall be a committee to agree with Isaac Brisco for a piece of land for a burying-place, and that the above said committee shall have full power to recompence said Isaac Brisco out of the undivided land, and sign a note of the same, which note shall be recorded in New Milford records which shall be a sufficient title to said land."

Inscriptions in the Old Bridgewater Burying-place.

LUCY MATILDA | wife of | Philo Babbitt
| May 27, 1825 | July 23, 1853.

REBECCA E | wife of | William W Bar-
num | Died | May 4, 1874 | Aged 24
yrs 6 mo | & 13 Ds.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH E | daughter of | Wm. &
Mary E | Barrowscale | who died | Jan
31, 1850 | \AA 1 yr 5 mo 20 D.
Too good to live & God took | her.

DELIA | wife of | Horace Bartram | died
| Aug 29, 1847 | \AA 32.

Died | June 1, 1848 |
BENJAMIN B BEACH in the 64 year | of
his age.

Death leaves to friends a dear but vacant name
Inscribed with sorrow on the marble page.

CALEB BEACH | Born | March 26, | 1762
Died | Dec 26, 1823 | His wife | Clara
| Born | Dec 19, 1769 | Died | Jan 4,
1844.

Died | Feb 16, 1831 |
CHARLES B Son | of Benjamin B | &
Rhoda Beach | Aged 8 mo | & 2 ds.

In memory of |
MR DAVID BEACH | who died June 30th,
1807 | in the 84th Year of his Age.

My children and my friends Behold
Beneath this stone my body is cold
The grave's our home as you may see
Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of |
EUNICE BEACH Daughter | of David &
Ruth Beach | who died Dec 8th, 1805
aged 56.

Behold my tomb while I in silence sleep
Prepare for death before it is too late.

In | memory of |
NORMAN | son of Caleb & Clara | Beach
| who died Oct 4, | 1820 | aged 24
years.

Died July 3, 1828 |
POLLY BEACH wife of | Benjamin B Beach
| in the 38 year of her age.

Grief love and gratitude devote this stone
To her whose virtues bleas'd a husbands life
When late in duties sphere she mildly shone
As friend as sister, daughter, mother, wife.

Died | March 10, 1865 |
RHODA | wife of | Benjamin B Beach
aged 63 yrs 1 mo | & 16 ds.

The memory of the just is blessed.

In memory of |
RUTH wife of | David Beach | who died
Dec 24, 1801 | in the 76th year | of her
age.

Weep not for me my offspring dear
Weep for yourselves and for death prepare.

MARY A | daughter of Albert & | Philena
Beach | Died | March 8, 1853 \AA 34.

Tis finished the conflict is past
The heaven born spirit is fled,
Her wish is accomplished at last,
And now she is entomb'd with the Dead

Her months of affliction are oer
Her days and nights of distress
We see her in anguish no more
She's gained her happy release.

ADDISON L BEARDSLEY | Died | Sept 30,
1864 | \AA 59.

HARRIET wife of Addison L Beardsley |
Died | June 1, 1877 | \AA 70.

In | memory of |
MOLLY wife of | Timothy Beardslee |
died April 28, 1820 | \AA t 73 yrs.

POLLY ANN | wife of | Lemuel Beardsley
| Died | Oct 16, 1863 | \AA 82.

In | memory of |
SARAH BEARDSLEE | daughter of | Tim-
othy & Molly Beardslee | who died |
March 3, 1824 | aged 45 years.

In | memory of |
TIMOTHY BEARDSLEE | who died | Dec.
29, 1829 | aged 83.

Sacred | to the memory of |
MARY BEERS | wife of Phineas Beers |
who died | May 3, 1825 | aged 60 years.

Sacred to | the memory of |
PHINEAS BEERS | who died | Aug 20,
1835 | aged 77 years.

In | memory of |
NATHANIEL S BEERS | Who died | April
13th, 1843 | in the 57th year | of his
age.

In | memory of |
BLACKMAN JESUP | who died | Jan 7,
1826 | in the 41 year | of his age.

She's sleeping.

Our Baby | aged 3 months and 24 days.
MAY | daughter of | Eugene & | Mary
Boland | Died | March 6, 1876.

FREDERICK M BOLAND | Died | July 21,
1873 | Aged 67 years | & 6 mos.

FREDERICK A | son of | Frederick M &
| Jacintha J Boland | Died | Sept 11,
1848 | \AA 17 months.

Our Brother |
MONTVILLE L BOLAND | Died at St.
Louis | Jan 10; 1856 | \AA 23 years & 1
mo.

Cease ye mourners, cease to languish
O'er the graves of those you love,
Pain and death and night and anguish
Enter not the world above.

SARAH | wife of | Daniel Booth | Born |
Nov. 26, 1781 | Died | Dec 20, 1855.

In memory of |
EMILIA E | wife of | Daniel L Booth |
who died | Aug 20, 1846 | in the 33
year | of her age.

HENRY BOOTH | son of | Daniel L &
Emilia Booth | Died | Sept 5, 1845 |
Æ 26 days.

SARAH I | daughter of | Daniel & | Sab-
rah Booth | Died | May 30, 1853 | Æ
35 yrs & 5 mo.

In memory of |
BUSHNELL H BOSTWICK | who died |
Aug 8, 1825 | aged 26 yrs.

DAVID BOSTWICK | Died | Mar 27, 1852
Æ 40.

My Father |
JOHN R BOSTWICK | Died | March 26,
1872 | Aged 67 yrs.

LAURA BOSTWICK | Died | Oct 30, 1857
Æ 63.

In memory of |
ELIZABETH ANN | the Daughter | of Mr
Ezra and Elizabeth Bots | ford Who
Died | August the 27, | A D 1771 Aged
five months.

In memory of |
SARAH ANN | daughter of | Saml A &
Rube | Botsford | who died Sep 2 |
1801 | æ 16 months.

Stanley |
STANLEY BURR | Son of | John & | Fan-
ny A Beach | Died | July 9, 1858 | Æ
8½ yrs.

THERE'S NO TEARS IN HEAVEN.
Be calm dear parents stay thy grief
Mourn not for me thy child is safe
My Saviour called my time was o'er
With him I live to die no more
O little brothers serve the Lord
Call on his name and read his word
And then you'll meet your little friend
Where happiness shall never end.

CAROLINE R | wife of | Daniel Bradshaw
| Æ 28 yrs. And

LAURA CAROLINE | Their only daughter
| Æ 18 mo | both drowned in the |
Hudson River | Sept 19, 1842.

In memory of |
ELIJAH H CANFIELD | who died | Sep
30, 1824 | aged 29 years.

In memory of |
JEREMIAH CANFIELD | who died April
19, 1828 | in the 55 year | of his age.

In memory of |
JOHN CANFIELD | Who Died Feb 21st,
| 1814 in the 55th Year | of his age.

POLLY | wife of | Jeremiah Canfield |
Died | Jan 21, 1849 | Æ 78.

In Memory of |
MR LEMUEL CANFIELD | who departed
this life | Dec 25, 1804 in the | 61st
year of his age.

When this you see | Prepare for death and follow
me.

In memory of |
POLLY A | wife of | Lewis Bronson | who
died | Nov 1, 1849 | Æ 34 y's & 8 mo.

Friends nor physicians could not save
This mortal body from the grave
Nor can the grave retain it here
When Christ our Saviour doth appear.

PRISCILLA | wife of | Elijah H Canfield
| Died | Jan 7, 1848 | Æ 59.

Our Mother | She taught us how to live | She
taught us how to die.

In memory of |
SARAH wife of | Lemuel Canfield who
died | Nov 17, 1838 | aged 82.

In memory of |
PHEBE wife of | John Canfield | who died
March | 3, 1801 in the 38 | year of her
Age.

In memory of |
ELIZABETH CHRISTOPHER | who died |
Sept 21, 1809 | in the 81st year | of her
age.

My Mother |
MINERVA CLARK | wife of | John R Bost-
wick | Died | May 28, 1833 | Aged 32
yrs.

MARY | wife of | George H Devean |
Died Feb 22, 1856 | Æ 52.

Stop kind friends as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of |
HARMON Son of | Dr Jonathan and |
Mabal Downs | who Died March | the
8, 1784 in the | 1st year of his Age.

Can you expect | your feeble Arms |
Shall make a strong | defence When Death
With terrible Alar | ms summons the |
prisoner hence.

MITCHELL B | Son of | Harris & | Maria
Eames | Died | July 12, 1849 | æ 6 ys
3 mo | & 15 ds.

His sufferings now are o'er
His joys are just begun
He suffered here on earth
Jesus called him home.

HENRY M | son of | William H | & Ellen
E Elliott | Died | Dec 18, 1858 | Aged
15 years | & 8 mo.

JAMES F EMMONS | Died | in East |
Bridgeport | March 2, 1873 | Æ 31.

There is rest for the weary.

In memory of |
ABRAHAM FAIRCCHILD | who died | July
19, 1813 | in the 66 year | of his age.

CANFIELD FAIRCHILD | Died | Sep 17, 1837 | Aged 43 yrs.

SUSAN C daughter of Canfield & | Sarah Fairchild | Died | Aug 20, 1838 | aged 8 yrs & 4 mo.

In memory of |
JOHN FENN | who died Feb 18, | 1819 |
æ 36 years.

In | memory of |
LOIS FENN | who died | Dec 28, 1810 |
Æ 17.

In memory of |
JOSEPH FOGG | who died | Mar 5, 1838 |
| aged 38.

Behold my friends as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so must you be
Prepare for death and follow me.

ALFRED HAMLIN | Died | Sep 11, 1851 |
Aged 58.

CHARLES | son of | Enoch W & | Mary A Ford | died | May 14, 1844 | aged 6 mos.

In memory of |
BETSEY FRENCH | who died Oct 7, | 1819 |
| Æ 30 years.

She had faith in the
Redeemer purchased
By the blood of our
Savior.

MERIE R | daughter of | Gershom W |
& Ruby French | died of the small-pox
| Feb 6th, 1816 | aged | 17.

In | memory of |
OTHNIEL FRENCH | who died June 30,
1832 | aged 27 years.

Weep not for me tho' called to leave
This world of sorrow & of pain
But O! in heaven where none can grieve
May we united ne'r part again
Farewell to sorrow pain & grief
In death my soul shall find relief.

In | memory of |
LEWIS FROST | who died | Dec 14, 1846 |
| in the 67 yr | of his age.

Frost monument.

LEWIS R FROST | Died | Feb 10, 1879 |
Æ 65 yrs | & 8 mos.

SYLVIA BEERS | his wife.

JAMES ELMER | son of Lewis and |
Apphia Frost | died March 29, 1826 |
aged 20 years.

MARIETT | wife of | Orange Frost | Died
| June 14, 1866 | Æ 48.

Even so them also which sleep in Jesus | will God
bring with him.

In | memory of |
ISAAC GILBERT | son of Harris & | Maria
Eames | who died | April 28, 1845 |
aged 6 yrs 4 mo | & 17 ds.

Dear Parents mourn not | with deep sadness
But O look serenely above
Till you meet in a Heaven | of gladness
Your Gilbert the child | of your love.

WILLIAM GILLITT | died | Dec 21, 1843
| Æ 83 yrs.

Also

ANNA his wife | died | Oct 27, 1843 | Æ
82 yrs.

Their weeping friends while o'er the sacred dust
Revere the memory of the good, the just.
Their worth their virtues will forever bloom
While their pure spirits live beyond the tomb.

WILLIAM GILLET JR | Died | Nov 8,
1831 | Æ 36.

ARNOLD GLOVER | Died | Dec 9, 1878 |
Æ 86.

CYRUS B GLOVER | Died | Nov 8, 1829
| æ 45.

ABBY | his wife | Died | April 25, | 1869
| æ 71.

MATILDA | wife of | Arnold Glover |
Died Jan 8, 1859 | Æ 57.

NELSON | Their infant son | Died Nov
14, 1832 | Aged 8 mo.

DAVID | Son of | Martin & Rhoda | Gold-
smith | died | May 23, 1837 | Aged 1
year 8 | mo & 4 days.

MARTIN GOLDSMITH | Died | Mar 21,
1861 | æ 61.

RHODA | Wife of | Martin Goldsmith |
Died | Jan 17, 1876 | æ 73.

In | memory of |

DANIEL GORHAM | who died | June 25,
1836 | in the 85 year | of her age.

DANIEL GORHAM | Died | Nov 2, 1869 |
Æ 85.

In | memory of |

DANIEL L GORHAM | son of Hiram & |
Hannah Gorham | who died Oct 4,
| 1819 | Æ 1 year.

HIRAM GORHAM | Died | July 31, 1826 |
in his 31 year.

Also

HANNAH | his wife | died Jan 10, 1828 |
in her 31 year.

HIRAM E | son of Isaac & | Olive Gor-
ham | died | Sept 21, 1846 | aged 4 yrs
| & 6 ds.

Happy are they that | die in the Lord.

MARY | wife of | Daniel Gorham | Died
| July 27, 1873 | Æ 85.

In | memory of |

MARY wife of | Daniel Gorham | who
Died Jany 31, 1817 | Aged 61 years.

Her friends have reason to believe
That she obtained hope of future | bliss.

In memory of

PHINEAS GORHAM | who died | Feb 2,
1842 | aged 84 years |

As a soldier of the Revolution he no |
bly served his country & lived to see
& | for a time to enjoy, what he so
much | desired & what he struggled
hard to | gain the independence of our
nation.

In | memory of |
RACHEL wife of | Phineas Gorham | who
 died | Sept 6, 1816 | At 65.

CHARLES GREGORY | Died | June 4,
 1871 | Æ 46.

JOHN GUNN | Died | May 26 1859 |
 Aged 36 yrs | & 6 Mo. |
 Blessed are the dead | which die in the Lord.

In | memory of |
JULIA ANN | wife of | Nelson Hallock |
 & daughter of Daniel & Anna Keeler
 who died | April 30 1833 | Aged 24
 yrs | 1 mo |

In | memory of |
BENJAMIN HAMLIN | who departed |
 this life | Nov. 29, 1852 | aged 90 years.

In | memory of |
EUNICE | wife of | Benjamin Hamlin |
 who departed | this life | March 15,
 1839 | aged 72 years.

In life generous and kind
 In death peaceful and happy.

MARY ANN | wife of | Rev Luman B
 Hamlin | Died | May 3, 1864 | aged 63.

In | memory of |
FRANCES HANFORD | wife of | J E Han-
 ford | who departed this | life Feb 15,
 1829 | in the 23 year | of her age.

In | memory of |
AARON HITCHCOCK | who died Sept 29,
 1819 | aged 75 years.

Oft as the Bell with solemn toll
 Speaks the departure of a soul
 Let each one ask himself am I
 Prepared should I be called to die.

In | memory of |
MRS COMFORT | the Wife of Mr | Dan-
 iel Hitchcock | Who Departed | this
 life Novem | ber the 2d, A D 1776 | in
 the 25th year | of her age.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK | who died Dec
 24th, 1841 Æ 78.

Oft as the bell with solemn toll
 Speaks the departure of a soul
 Let each one ask himself am I
 Prepared should I be called to die.

In | memory of |
ELIJAH HOYT | who died | April 15, 1837
 | aged 75 | years.

In | memory of |
POLLY wife of | Elijah Hoyt | who died
 | Jan 10, 1832 | aged 66 Years.

CATHARINE S | daughter of | Joseph &
 | Julia Hawla | Died | Oct 22, 1868.

We all do fade as a leaf.

JOSEPH HAWLEY | Died | June 12, 1876
 Æ 75.

JULIA L | Wife of | Joseph Hawley |
 Died | Sep 27, 1871 | Æ 61.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

What is home without a Mother
 What are all the joys we meet
 When her loving smiles no longer
 Greet the coming of our feet.

HANNAH M HAWLEY | Died | Jan 5,
 1850 | Æ 80.

In | memory of |
RICHARD HAWLEY | Who died | July 20,
 1825 | Æ 87.

SARAH E HAWLEY | Died | Feb 16, 1854,
 æ 11.

There is rest in heaven.

CORNELIA A | daughter of | David A &
 | Laura Ives | Died | May 3, 1847 | Æ
 3 ys 7 mo & 16 ds.

This lovely bud so young and fair
 Called hence by early doom
 Just came to show how sweet a flower
 In paradise would bloom.

In | memory of |
ELLIOTT M | son of David & | Laura
 Ives | who died | June 28, 1842 | aged
 2 years.

Sleep gentle babe thy troubles is o'er
 Thy bosom rest shall be disturbed no more.

In | memory of |
JAMES JESUP | who died August | 4, 1817
 | æ 56 years.

In | memory of |
JAMES JESUP | who died | Dec 9, 1827 |
 in the 67 years | of her age.

SALLY ANN JESUP | Died | Sep 22, 1868
 | æ 68.

EMILY A | wife of | Dr Horace Judson
 Died | Jan 20, 1853 | æt 43.

DR HORACE JUDSON | Died | Aug 13,
 1863 | æt 59.

In | memory of |
JOSEPH JUDSON | who died Aug 10, 1825
 | aged 59 years | &

ABIA his wife | died Dec 7, 1824 | aged
 59 years |

Also their three children |
NATHAN died Aug 18, 1823 | aged 29
 years.

ELISHA died Oct 7, 1825 | aged 28 years.

RUSSEL died Oct 1822 | aged 18 years.

DOCT REUBEN W JUDSON | Died | Aug
 19, 1853 | Æt 24 yrs & 6 mo.

In | memory of |
CHLOE | daughter of | Ralph & | Hannah
 Keeler | who died | Feb 22, 1794 |
 aged 10 years.

In | memory of |
DANIEL KEELER | who died | April 8,
 1842 | aged 66 years | 7 mo & 13 ds.

In | memory of |
HANNAH wife of | Ralph Keeler | died
Aug 28, 1827 | in her 71 year.

RALPH KEELER | died Jan 5, 1805 | aged
57 | years.

DENNIS C | son of | Henry C & | Sarah
R Knight | Died | Feb 9, 1857 | Æ 5
yrs & 5 mo.

Like as a summer bird leaves
Its native shore for a sunnier clime
So He left earth for Paradise
To nestle in the bosom of Jehovah.

HARRIET F | daughter of | Henry C &
Sarah R Knight | Died | Dec 24, 1841
| Æ 14 mo.

SARAH R | wife of | Henry C Knight |
Died | July 16, 1870 | Æ 58.

She being dead yet speaketh.

PHYLINDA | Died | Sep 26, 1857 | æ 13
yrs 5 mo | & 13 Ds |

NATHAN | Died | Apr 2, 1848 | æ 4 wks
| children of | Mervin & Charlott Lam-
son.

In | memory of |
LYMAN LOCKWOOD | who died | March
29 | 1824 | aged 37 years.

This Stone | is erected to the memory | of
MRS MARY LEAVENWORTH | Late wife
of | Mayor Eli Leavenworth | who died
December 20th, 1773 Anno Aetatis 19.

One lovely ——— could not thy beauty save
Thy virtues shield thee from an early grave
Thine were the joys of love in charmes of youth
The smiles of friendship innocence and truth
But ah how vain were not that for ———
To endless glories in thy native skies.

MARY |
MARY E | wife of | Burr Mallett | and
daughter of | Grandeson R & | Laura
H Warner | Died in new york | Oct 2,
1856 | aged 20 years.

From the bridal to the tomb | in four short days.

In | memory of |
MRS ELIZA | wife of | Mr Isaac Mallett |
& daughter of | Daniel & Anna Keeler
| who died | Feb 26, 1827 | æ 23 yrs &
7 ms.

In | memory of |
BENJAMIN MEAD | who died | April 3,
1847 | In the 83 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
ABIGAIL | wife of | Benjamin Mead | who
died | Feb 18, 1849 | in the 82 year | of
her age.

Died | Apr 2 1849 |
RALPH D | Son of | Ralph & Delia Mead
| æ 5 weeks.

In memory of |
DAVID MERWIN | who died | Feb 10,
1844 | Æ 66 years | & 3 mos.

In | memory of |
ELIZABETH H | daughter of | Miles & |
Wealthy Merwin | who died | March
14, 1820 | in the 7 | year of | her age.

In | memory of |
SARAH M Wife of | Harrison B Merwin
| who Died | March 31, 1854 | Aged
28 Yr & 6 mo.

Children dear a mother's blessing
Rests upon her orphans heads
Come to Jesus come possessing
Promises to pious dead.

Sacred | to the memory of |
SARAH MERWIN | Wife of | David Mer-
win | who died June 14, 1831 | in the 49
year | of her age.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me |
and mine acquaintance into darkness.

ELIZABETH G | wife of | Harrison B
Merwin | Born Dec 20, 1823 | Died
May 4, 1869.

In memory of |
WIDOW SARAH MERWIN | Late of old
Milford She | was Mother to Saml
and | Capt Epenetus Platt Late | of
this Town and Gran | d mother to Jer-
emiah | Platt of this Place She | lived
an Honest Virtuous | Life and De-
parted Feb | 24, 1784 | in the 86 | year
of her Age.

MRS | RACHEL MINOR | wife of Mr An-
drew Minor | died April 19, 1816 | in
her 61 year.

In memory of | the two sons of Asa | &
Polly Morgan who | Died in infancy |
August 7, 1795.

As tender Buds is Nipt by frost
So was the Expectation lost
of these two Babies that were called home
To sit with Christ upon his throne.

Sacred to | the memory of |
RICHARD MORRILL | who died | Apr 22,
1858 | Æ 67.

Sacred to the | memory of |
MARY | wife of | Richard Morrill | who
died | Apr 12, 1851 | Æt 65.

Thy spirit is roaming that blest shore
Where trouble can never disturb thee more
Songs of heavenly raptuer thou dost raise
Joining in the chorus of thy mother's praise.

In | memory of | an infant son | of Capt
Levi & Polly Huldah | Morris Who
died | June 23, 1816.

In | memory of |
WILLIAM NICHOLS | & MARTHA his
wife | he died May 1, | 1811 | in the 61
year | of his age | & she died Aug 23,
1828 | in the 73 year | of her age.

Our Baby |
Infant | daughter of | Gideon W & Mary
F | Northrop | born & died Mar 18,
1872.

In | memory of |
HENRY M PAYNE | who died | July 27,
1862 | aged 29 years.

Dearest friend thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But tis God that has bereft us
He can all our sorrow heal.

In | memory of |
ANDREW | Son of | George & | Hannah
Peck | Who died | June 6, 1834 | aged
1 yr 2 mo | & 4 ds.

In | memory of |
two infant | Children of George and Han-
nah Peck | who died | April 29, 1825 | &
Oct 8, 1830.

In | memory of |
OVIATT C | Son of | George & | Hannah
Peck who | died March | 4, 1827 |
Aged 21 | years.

In | memory of |
JOHN O | Son of | George & | Hannah |
Peck | who | died Dec | 26, 1828 |
Aged 1 | Year.

MARY JANE | wife of | Sidney Peck |
Died in Yonkers | Nov 23, 1856 | Aged
19 years 5 mo & 11 ds.

My dear companion rest in peace
From toil and grief and pain severe
Since death hast thee from earth releas'd
And borne thee to a happier sphere.

Memory of |
MASON PICKET | who died Nov 13, 1822
| Aged 34 years.

IRENA | wife of | Jeremiah Platt | Died
Sept 14, 1863 | æ 81.

In memory of |
JEREMIAH PLATT | who died | Novr 17,
1805 | in the 58 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
JEREMIAH PLATT who died | Oct 25, 1839
| aged 67 years | & 5 d's.

In | memory of |
MARY wife of | Jeremiah Platt who died
| Feb 17, 1825 | Aged 72 years.

In | memory of |
OLIVER B PLATT | who died | May 15,
1840 | aged 28 years | 3 mo & 16 ds.

Platt monument.
WILLIAM J PLATT | Died | 18— | Æ —.
ELIZA H | His wife | Died | April 8, 1866
| Æ 50.

JEREMIAH PLATT | Died Oct 25, 1839 |
Æ 62.

IRENA | His wife | Died Sept 14, 1863 |
Æ 81.

OLIVER B PLATT | Died May 15, 1840 |
Æ 28.

In | memory of |
ANNA wife of | Jeremiah Randall | who
died | Feb 12, 1835 | aged 81.

MARY | Wife of | Charles Randall |
Died | Oct 23, 1840 | aged 77 yrs.

Also |

HARRIET | Wife of Joseph Hepburn |
Died | May 30, 1849 | aged 49 years.

In memory of
EPINETUS | Son of Timothy & | Eunice
Randall | Who died Nov 7, | 1823
aged 17 | years.

In | memory of |
EUNICE | wife of | Timothy Randall |
who died | June 19, 1861 | Æ 98.

ISAAC N RANDALL | Died | Aug 23, 1860
| Aged 61 yrs.

In | memory of |
JEREMIAH RANDALL | who died | Nov
17, 1808 | in the 53 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
JEROME V RANDALL | who died | June
3, 1841 | aged 29 years | 10 mo & 25 ds.
JOHN RANDALL | Died | June 19, 1866 |
æ 75.

LAURA | Wife of | John Randall | Died
| Aug 27, 1878 | æ 87.

In | memory of |
LORENZO | son of Nathaniel | & Lucy
Ann Randall | who died Nov 5, 1832 |
aged 25 years.

Forlorn & drear a helpless reptile late
With thee—the gloomy shades of earth I trod
Now decked in vestments of immortal state
I triumph in the presence of my God
Where pain nor pale consumption can molest
No care nor grief is known among the blest.

In | memory of |
MARY C Daut of Marquis D & | Lydia A
Randall | Who died Jan 16, | 1830
aged | 2 years | & 5 mo.

In | memory of |
LUCY ANN wife of | Nathaniel Randall |
who died | April 30, 1841 | aged 54
years | & 11 mo.

NATHANIEL RANDALL | died | Sept 20,
1848 | aged 66 years.

RACHEL SEMANTHA | daughter of | Jon-
athan J | & Abigail Randall | died June
13, 1827 | Æ 8 years.

RICHARD RANDALL | Died | May 16,
1834 | Æ 84 | Also

ESTHER his wife | Died | Nov 9, 1843 |
Æ 66.

In memory of |
SMITH RANDALL | who died | Oct 12,
1823 | aged 30 years.

In | memory of |
TIMOTHY RANDALL | who died | Nov 5,
1844 | aged 88 years.

ANNA E wife of | David Roswell | Died
| Apr 22, 1856 | Æ 63.

In | memory of |
ASA S. RANDALL | Who died | July 26,
 1836 aged 24 years.

DAVID ROSWELL | Died | July 16, 1877
 | Aged 87.

My Husband
ELI ROSWELL | Died | Dec 7, 1865 | æ
 31.

EMELINE | Daughter of | James &
 Sarah Roswell | Died | Dec 5, 1876 |
 Aged 45.

Sisters they have met together |
 in a world that is far above |
 here on earth they lived together |
 and now they lie here side by side |
 and sleep together in the dust.

FREDERICK G | son of | Wm F & | Ta-
 mer R Roswell | died | Nov 11, 1852 |
 Æ 5 weeks.

Sleep lovely babe
 And take thy rest
 God called thee home
 He thought it best.

In memory | of |
POLLY L. ROSWELL | who died | May 3,
 1850 | Aged 23.

She has suffered on earth
 May she rest in heaven.

SARAH JUDSON | Wife of | James Ros-
 well | Died | Nov 17, 1874 | aged 75.
 Asleep in Jesus.

ROSINA T | wife of | William F Roswell
 | Died | Jan 18, 1877 | Aged 47.

Dearest Mother thou hast left us
 Gone to thy bright home above.

SAMANTHA S. ROSWELL | Died | July
 21, 1874 | aged 48 |

At rest.

In memory of |
ALLIS | wife of Hiram F Ruggles | who
 died | Sept 8, 1825 | Æ 21.

BETTY | wife of | Benjamin A Ruggles |
 died | Mar 10, 1853 | Æ 90.

My weeping friends remember me
 And you my children dear
 Live near to God that when you die
 You may with Christ appear.

In | memory of |
CHARLES W. RUGGLES | who died | Oct
 13, 1839 | aged 18 years.

SALLY wife of | Charles W. Ruggles |
 died July 5, 1843 | aged 52 years.

CHLOE | wife of | Daniel T Ruggles |
 Died | May 4, 1876 | aged 90 yrs 4 mo
 and 7 days.

We know that death hath come to thee mother,
 His hand is on thy brow
 We could not keep you here mother
 For you have left us now.

DANIEL T. RUGGLES | Died | Aug 6,
 1874 | Aged 92.

Few are they who live to see
 Their fourscore years and ten
 But thou wast spared to be
 One of the aged men.

Sacred | to the memory of |
BENJAMIN A. RUGGLES | who departed
 this life | Nov 30, 1828 | Æ 70 yrs.

He wielded the patriotic sword
 He fought the fight of faith
 Gained victory o'er his country's foe
 And victory over death.

HARRIET M. | Wife of | Benjamin A
 Ruggles | Died | Oct 19, 1867 Æ 41.

Our Mother.

CHARLES | son of Benjamin & Harriet
 Ruggles | Died May 10, 1847 | Aged 2
 years & 4 months.

As the sweet flower that scents the morn
 And withers ere tis day:
 Thus lovely was this infants dawn,
 Thus fled its life away.
 Ere sin could blast or sorrow fade
 Death came with friendly care.
 The opening bud to heaven conveyed.
 And bade it blossom there.

In | memory of |
TRYPHOSA RUGGLES | who died | Feb 5
 1841 | aged 80 years.

In | memory of |
ABIAH wife of | Jonas Sanford | who
 died Jan 13, 1810 | in the 67th year of
 her age.

In | memory of |
ANDRE SANFORD | who died | Dec 8,
 1809 | in the 29th year of his age.

In | memory of |
MRS. ELIZABETH SANFORD | who died |
 July 31, 1801 | Æ 72.

In | memory of |
HULDAH wife of | Joel Sanford | who
 died | Oct 4, 1839 | aged 62 years | 3
 mo & 2 days.

HULDAH | wife of | Liffe Sanford | died
 | July 1, 1843 | aged 87 yrs.

In | memory of |
JERUSHA SANFORD | who died | Sept 15,
 1825 | aged 37 years.

In | memory of |
JOEL SANFORD | who died | Sept 67 yrs
 1 mo & 17 ds.

MR. JONAS SANFORD | died Oct 3, 1811 |
 in the 75 year | of his age.

In | memory of |
LIFFE SANFORD | who died | Dec 3, 1815
 | aged 65 years.

In | memory of |
MR. NEHIMIAH SANFORD | who died |
 Nov 16, 1815 | æ 90.

In memory of |
BETSEY SEELYE | wife of Joseph Seelye
 who died June 1810 aged 84 Years.

HANNAH STURTEVANT | Second wife of
 John Sturtevant | died Nov 25, 1824
 aged 48.

The grave is closed and I lie mouldering here
 Apart from those in life I held most dear
 Children & friends I leave here all
 The trump did sound and I obeyed the call.

MRS | SARAH STURDEVANT | wife of |
 Mr John Sturdevant | died Oct 18,
 1815 | in the 53 year | of her age.

May angels with their guardian wings
 This dreary tomb o'er spread
 And guard until the close of time
 This mansion of the dead.

HOMER B SHERMAN | Died | June 20,
 1867 | Æ 71.

LAURA | wife of | Homer B Sherman |
 Died | July 2, 1826 | Æ 27.

AMOS SHERMAN | Died | Sep 2, 1837 |
 Æ 82.

MARY | wife of | Amos Sherman | Died
 Sep 29, 1817 | Æ 60.

In memory of |
ALMERIA SMITH | wife of Almon Smith
 | who died Nov 6, 1819 | aged 23 years.

In memory of |
ANNA SMITH | Daut of Eli & Hulda |
 Smith who died | May 17, 1791 | aged
 18 days.

In memory of |
ANNE wife of | Ralph Smith | who died
 | June 16, 1845 | Aged 79 years.

In memory of |
MR DAVID SMITH | who died August |
 the 13th, A D 1774 in | the 26 year of
 | his Age.

APPHIA | wife of | John Smith | Died |
 Jan 25, 1864 | æ 76 yrs.

In memory of |
ELI SMITH | who died March 14, 1809 | in
 the 55 year | of his age.

In memory of |
MERWIN son of | Eli and Hulday | Smith
 who died | Oct 22, 1783 | in the first
 year of his age.

MRS | HULDA | wife of | Mr Eli Smith |
 died Dec 14 1815 | in the 59 year | of
 her age.

In memory of |
ISAAC son of Mr | Joel & Patience | Smith
 who | died March 17th, A D 1795 |
 aged one year | eleven months | and
 seven days.

In memory of
JESSE | SMITH who Departed | this Life
 Nov 30th, | 1783 in the 75th year | of
 his Age.

JOHN SMITH | Died | April 19, 1854 | in
 his 71 year.

In memory of |
JOSEPH SMITH | who died Sep 30, 1825 |
 in his 53 | year.

LUCY SMITH | Died | Dec 27, 1851 | Æ
 63.

MAHEL | wife of | Nathaniel Smith |
 Died | Sept 22, 1859 | Æ 81.

MARY A | daughter of John & | Apphia
 Smith | Died | Oct 31, 1858 | æ 39 yrs.

PIEBE | Dau of Ralph & | Anna Smith
 | died Jan 24, 1796 aged 3 years | 4 mo
 & 17 ds.

In memory of |
RETTA dau of | George C Smith | who
 died | April 12, 1795 | aged 9 years.

In memory of |
RALPH SMITH | who died | Nov 13, 1825
 | Aged 61 years.

WILLIAM son of Ralph & | Anna Smith
 | died Nov 11, 1785 | aged 2 months |
 & 12 ds.

In memory of
MR AUGUS | TIN SUMMERS son of Mr |
 Andrew & Mrs Ruth | Summers, Born
 Feb 12th, 1775 and departed this life |
 March 8th, 1796 aged 21 years.

Here lies interred a blooming youth
 Who lived in love and died in truth
 Behold and see as you pass by
 As I am now so you must be
 Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of |
AUGUSTIN son of | Andrew and Ruth |
 Summers who | died Nov 19, 1774 | in
 the 2d year of | his age.

AZARIEL G | son of Hermon D & | Mary
 D Summers | died Dec 12, 1824 | aged
 1 year 1 mo | & 17 days

The hand of death did never cut
 A sweeter flower for paradise.

Eva

I am so glad that Jesus loved me.

EVA J | Daughter of | W H & S J Somers
 | Died | April 25, 1877 aged 16 yrs |
 10 months.

Linda

In the good shepherd's arms.

LINDA J | Daughter of | W H & S J
 Somers | Died | Aug 23, 1869 | aged 7
 yrs | 7 mo's.

LYMAN C SOMMERS | Died | Dec 21,
 1861 | Æ 21 yrs 7 mos.

We love him,—Yes no tongue can tell
 How much we loved him and how well
 God loved him too, and He thought best
 To take him home and be at rest.

ALMIRA | died | March 30, | 1832 | Aged
 11 ys | & 10 mo.

LAURA | Died | March 23, 1832 | Aged 2 years.

Children of Martin | & Mabel Steward.

NATHAN H SOMMERS | Died | Oct 6, 1853 | \AA 46.

POLLY | his wife | Died | Feb 6, 1850 | \AA 53.

In memory of
ZARE SUM | MER's Infant son | of Mr Andrew & | Mrs Ruth Sum | mers died May 8 | 1796 aged one | year & 18 days.

ADDISON R STONE | died Sept 8, 1825 | aged 36 years.

ESTHER M | wife of | Addison R Stone | Died | Aug 8, 1851 | \AA 59.

EDWARD STEWART | Died | Oct 10, 1854 \AA 17.

In memory of |
GEORGE STUART | who died | Sept 15, 1842 | aged 21 years.

GEORGE D | son of | John & | Diana R Stuart | Died | March 11, 1866 | Aged 21.

GEORGE E | Son of | Eben & | Harriet Stuart | Died | June 16, 1849 | \AA 5 yrs & 9 mo.

I take this little lamb said | He and fould it to my breast.

JULIA | wife of | Orrin Murphy | & daughter of | William & | Sally Stuart | died | Mar 10, 1845 | \AA 30.

Wrapt in the shades of death no more
That friendly face I see,
Empty, ah empty every place
Once filled so well by thee.

JOHN STUART | Died | Apr 27, 1865 | \AA 50.

MARTIN STUART | Died | April 9, 1876 | aged 86.

MABEL | His wife | Died | April 12, 1875 | aged 84.

In memory of |
ORREN STUART | who died | March 31, 1834 | aged 17 years.

In memory of |
ROYAL STUART | who died | May 17, 1843 | aged 19 years.

In memory of |
SALLY | wife of | William Stuart | who died | Feb 23, 1849 | Aged 56 yrs.

It is the Lord Jehovah's hand
That blasts our joys in death
Changes the visage once so dear
And gathers back the breath.

In memory of |
NOAH TITUS | who died | Oct 9, 1818 | aged 72 years.

ABIGAIL | relict of | Abijah Treat | died | March 3, 1844 | aged 82 years.

In memory of |
ABIJAH TREAT ESQ | who died | Oct 3, 1837 | in the 76 yr | of his age.

Receive O earth in faded form
In thy cold bosom let it lie
Safe let it rest from every storm
Soon must it rise no more to die.

Here lies ye Body of |
ABIJAH TREAT of New | Milford, son to Mr John | & Mrs Phebe Treat | Who Died June ye 15, 1760 | in ye 6th Year of His Age.

ALMIRA | Wife of | Daniel A Treat Died | Sep 23, 1865 | Aged 78.

In memory of |
ALMIRA the Daugh | ter of Mr Gedeon | and Lucreshe Tre | at Who Departed this life Febuary | ye 6 A D 1774 in the | first year of | her age.

In memory of |
ARIEL son to Mr | Gedeon and Lu | creshe Treat | Who Died Ma | rch the 15 A D | 1776 aged four | months.

ALMON TREAT | Died | Oct 8, 1875 | Aged 80 yrs.

The memory of the just is | blessed.

ALMON | son of | Abijah & Abigail | Treat died | March 17, 1794 | Agd 8 years 5 mo | 16 days.

CAROLINE | Daughter of | Almon & Hannah | Treat died | July 24th, 1826 | Age 1 year 21 days.

Innocence blooms in eternal light
A sweet unfading flower.

CLARA S | wife of Stephen Treat | Died | Dec 28, 1851 | \AA 65.

In memory of |
DANIEL A TREAT | who departed this life Feb 1, 1828 | in the 50 year | of his age.

In memory of |
GIDEON TREAT | who died July 11, 1811 \AA 63 yrs.

In memory of |
LUCRETIA | wife of Gideon | Treat who died Mar 3, 1847 | in the 97th year | of her age.

In memory of |
HANNAH Wife of | Almon Treat | who departed this life | Nov 28, 1835 | in the 39 year | of her age.

Hear what the voice from Heaven proclaims
To all the pious dead,
Sweet is the savor of their names
And soft their sleeping bed
They die in Jesus and are blessed
How kind their slumbers are
From suffering and from sin released
And freed from every snare.

In memory of |
an Infant | daughter of | Joseph C & | Lucy Treat | who died 21 July 1811.

Sacred | to the memory of |
JOHN TREAT | who died | May 27, 1804
| in the 80 year | of his age.
JOHN H TREAT | died | Aug 20, 1853 |
at 79.

In memory of |
JOSEPH son to | Mr Gedeon and | Lucre-
she Treat | Who Died Mar | ch the
26th, A D | 1776th the 2d Year | of his
Age.

In memory of |
JOSEPH son to | Mr Gedeon And | Lucre-
she Treat | Who Departed | this life
January ye 20, A D 1774 | in the third
year of his | Age.

In | memory of |
JOSEPH C TREAT | who died | April 25,
1852 aged 69.

The relics of departed worth
Lie shrouded here in gloom
And here with aching heart we mark
Our own dear Father's tomb.

LORANA | Daughter of | Abijah & Abigail
| Treat died | Feb 24th, 1794 | Agd 5
years | 1 mo.

In | memory of |
LUCY TREAT | wife of | Joseph C Treat
| who died | March 1, 1832 | Aged 49
years.

In memory of
MADISON A TREAT | Son of Joseph C & |
Lucy Treat | who | died in Bridgeport
| Feb 5, 1831 | in the 23 year | of his
age.

In | memory of |
PHEBE TITUS | widow of | Noah Titus |
who died | April 11, 1826 | aged 61
years.

SARAH | wife of | John H Treat | Died |
Nov 19, 1855 | at 68.

In | memory of |
SALLY wife of | John H Treat | who died
| March 15, 1811 | at 33.

SAMUEL N TURNAY | Died | Dec 6, 1862
| at 58.

STEPHEN TREAT | Died | Sep 5, 1849 |
aged 68.

In | memory of |
THIRZA TREATE | wife of | Stephen
Treate | who died | Sept 23, 1832 |
aged 42 yrs.

WILLIAM STUART | Died | Jan 19, 1868
| at 82.

In memory of |
BENJAMIN TURRIL son to Caleb | Turril
& Abigail his wife | who Departed this
Life | May 29th A D 1785 in the 20th
| year of his Age.

Amidst the Winter and above the Ground |
My Body floated and was found |
Now among the Dead it lies |
To enrich Deaths sacrifice |
No Age nor Sex from Death is free |
O think on Death then think on me.

In memory of | an
Infant | Daughter of | Dr Reuben | &
Mary | Warner who | died Feb 10, |
1822.

LAURA H | wife of | Grandison R War-
ner | Died | April 21, 1878 | at 66.

GRANDISON R WARNER | Died | Feb 5,
1875 | at 62.

ISAAC E WARNER | Died | Oct 13, 1878
| Aged 47.

LEVI M WARNER | Died | May 30, 1868
| at 30.

Our Baby.
MARCUS L | son of | Levi M & | Alvira
Warner | Died | Feb 21, 1864 | at 2 mo.

In memory of
LUCY wife of | Dr Reuben Warner | who
died | June 10, 1856 | aged 88 yrs 8 mo
| & 2 ds.

In | memory of |
MARY wife of | Doct | Reuben Warner |
who died | Feb 5, 1842 | in the 56
year | of her age.

In memory of |
DOCT REUBEN WARNER | who died Sept
7th, 1804 | aged 54 years.

In | memory of |
DOCT REUBEN WARNER | who departed
this life | May 3, 1828 | in the 47 year
| of his age.

REUBEN G | son of | Grandison R | &
Laura H Warner | died | March 13,
1844 | aged 2 yrs 6 mo | & 14 ds.

In | memory of |
AMHROSE WATERBURY | who died |
March 18, 1834 | Aged 53.

FITCH WATERBURY | Died | Feb 6, 1857
| at 39.

He sleeps in Jesus and is blest
Let none his loss deplore
But those who view his place of rest
Go hence and sin no more.

JULIA A WATERBURY | Died | Feb 27,
1859 | at 56.

MARY A | wife of | Fitch Waterbury |
Died | May 13, 1854 | at 35.

Dearest mother thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But tis God that hast bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

OLIVE A | daughter of | Fitch & | Mary
Ann Waterbury | Died | Feb 27, 1848
| aged 27 days.

SUSAN A | daughter of | Fitch & Mary
A | Waterbury | Died | Mar 17, 1859 |
at 6 yrs.

I take this little lamb said he
And lay it in my breast
Protection it shall find in me
In me be ever blest

SUSANNAH | wife of | Ambrose Waterbury | Died | Oct 29, 1851 | Æ 66.
Holy Bible

OLIVER S WELLER | Died | Feb 19, 1858.

Oliver.

A thousand old familiar things
Within our childhood home
Speak of that absent cherished one
Who never more may come.

They wake with mingled bliss and pain
Fond memories of thee
But would we call thee back again
We mourn but thou art free.

For thou hast gained a brighter home
And death's cold stream is past
Thine are the joys at God's right hand
That shall for ever last.

A crown is on thy peaceful brow
Thine eye the King doth see
Thy home is with the seraphs now
We mourn but thou art free.

In memory of |

MRS CLARRY WELLER | wife of | Mr Justice Weller | who Departed this | life Jan 19, 1825 in | the 44 year of her age.

See o'er yon tomb a mourner weeps
And heaves the heartfelt sigh
In that cold tomb a mother sleeps
Hid from each mortal eye.

ALICE A | wife of | David Beers | and daughter of | Eli H & Laura A | Welton | Died Feb 2, 1880 | aged 24 yrs | & 16 D's.

Beloved by all.

Our mother |

ELIZABETH | wife of | Isaac Weeks | Died | Sept 26, 1861 | Æ 76 yrs.

In | memory of |

ABYALL WELTON | who died | August 17, 1796 | in the 77th year | of her age.

Our mother |

ANNA A | wife of Horatio N Welton | Died | July 11, 1868 | Æ 67.

In | memory of |

ELIZABETH WELTON | wife of George Welton | who died Jan 25, 1834 | in the 62 year | of her age.

ELIZA ANN | daughter of | George and Elizabeth A Welton | died Jan 29, 1826 | in her 17 year.

In memory of

GEORGE WELTON | who died May 21, 1837 | in the 76 year | of his age.

In | memory of |

GEORGE S WELTON Jr | who died | April 8, 1837 | in the 36 year | of his age.

Lord I commit my soul to thee
Accept the sacred trust
Receive this nobler part of me
And watch my sleeping dust.

HATTIE A daughter of | Eli H & | Laura A Welton | Died | Dec 18, 1861 | Æ 18 mos.

Our Hattie

A bud too fair for earth | Gone home to Heaven.

Our Father |

HORATIO N WELTON | Died | July 29, 1869 | Æ 70.

Our Jonie |

JOHN U | Son of Eli H & Laura Welton | Died | Jan 14, 1867 | Æ 9 mo & 18 D's.

Early transplanted.

In | memory of |

COMFORT | wife of Niram Wheeler | who died | July 21, 1832 | Æ 41 yrs.

MARCIA M | daughter of | Lyrus & | Marcy M Wheaton | died June 11, 1829 | aged 7 months.

No more the pleasant child is seen
To please its parents eye
The tender plant so fresh and young
Is in Eternity.

In | memory of |

ELIZA WHEELER | who died | May 20, 1866 | Æ 56.

In | memory of |

HARMON S WHEELER | who died | Oct 24, 1854 | Æ 56.

In | memory of |

NIRAM WHEELER | who died | Sep 15, 1875 | Æ 86 yrs.

In | memory of |

JOSEPH WHEELER | who died | May 14, 1833 | aged 66 yrs.

Sacred | to the memory of |

JUSTUS WHEELER | who died | Sept 18, 1848 | Æ 72.

His labors are ended, he sleeps in death | but shall awake at the resurrection.

In | memory of |

SUSAN | wife of | Joseph Wheeler | who died | May 17, 1850 | Æ 83 yrs & 6 mo.

MARY ANN WHEELER | wife of | Oliver S Wheeler | Died Feb 15, 1875 | Aged 69.

EUNICE WHITLOCK | Died | Feb 14, 1850 | Æ 83.

In | memory of |

ELIZABETH wife of | James White | who died | April 29, 1834 | in her 85 year.

In | memory of |

JAMES WHITE | who died May 18, 1812 | in his 60 year.

JAMES WILDMAN | Died | March 13, 1867 | Æ 76.

Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

JAMES HENRY | son of James & | Hannah
F Wildman | Died Oct 23, 1864 Æ 21.

Ye must become as a little child or you cannot
enter the kingdom of Heaven.

In memory of |
MR MATTHEW | WILDMAN who | died
Feb 16th | 1799 Aged 61 | years.

In memory of |
MRS SARAH wife | of Mr Mather | Wild-
man who | died Nov 26th | A D 1797
in | the 75 year | of her age.

ETTA B | daughter of | Remington & |
Libby Wilson | Died | Feb 8, 1881 |
Æ 4 mo & 19 Ds.

JULIA A WIXON | Died | April 12, 1871
| Æ 20 ys & 6 mo.

THALIA A | wife of | Heman Wood |
Died | Nov 9, 1865 | Æ 53 yrs & 5 mo.

God calls, let me go
Live for Christ
Meet me in Heaven.

In | memory of |
PETER WOOSTER | who died Sept 12,
1798 | Æ 36.

His mind was tranquil and serene
No terror in his looks was seen
His saviours smile dispeld the gloom
And smoothed his passage to the tomb.

In | memory of |
DAVID YOUNG | who died | Nov 20, 1854
| aged 60 years.

ELANSON D YOUNG | Died | Aug 15,
1867 | æ 55.

LAURA A | wife of | Elanson D Young |
Died | Mar 12, 1858 | æ 45.

In | memory of |
HARRIET W YOUNG | wife of | David
Young | who died | April 20, 1850 | æ
54.

Weep not for her who's now at rest
Where care and pain no more annoy
Her spirit smiles from that bright shore
And softly whispers weep no more.

CHAPTER XXIII.

BRIDGEWATER,—CONTINUED.

UNDER the management of its officers Bridgewater as an Ecclesiastical Society made progress equal to many of its neighboring societies from October, 1803, to May, 1856, when it was incorporated as a town by the same name. Its territory was taken wholly from New Milford township, at the southeast corner, and lies on the southern descent of Second Hill, being bounded on the south and west by the Housatonic river and Town Hill brook. Within its boundaries are included the southern part of Second Hill, Hut Hill, so named from a hut being built on it and occupied a time in the early settlement of that locality, and Wolfpit Mountain. Its principal streams are Wawecoes brook, in two branches, and Clapboard Oak brook, both running into the Housatonic river. The villages are Bridgewater Centre and Southville.

It has a good soil, healthy climate, and is beautifully located. Its population in 1880 was 708.

A Minister Obtained.

In the meeting of the Bridgewater Society, January 9, 1809, the tax voted to be raised was, apparently, the first act towards employing a minister, for the society had authority to raise money only for religious and public school purposes, and in the next August (21st) they voted "that we will give a candidate a call to settle in the gospel ministry in this society;" and ten days later the vote was, "we will give Mr. Reuben Taylor of Warren a call to settle in the gospel ministry in Bridgewater society;" and they also voted that "we will give Mr. Taylor four hundred dollars per year; that Mr. Andrew Minor, David Merwin, 2d, and Benjamin Mead be a committee to call on Mr.

Taylor and make proposals for settlement." Several adjourned meetings were held during the time until December 25th, when a vote was passed appointing a committee to confer with Mr. Taylor respecting the ordination, which event was delayed, for the next action was taken January 4, 1810, "that we will give Mr. Taylor five hundred dollars, which has been raised by subscription, as a settlement, on the following conditions: provided he leaves the society within the term of ten years and the fault shall be his, he shall refund to the society in proportion as he has not tarried that term of time."

The church was organized August 10, 1809, and Mr. Reuben Taylor was ordained the first pastor January 24, 1810, and was dismissed April 5, 1815. The church records were burned in 1830, and hence the impossibility of giving a full account of its success and difficulties. From the time of Mr. Taylor's dismissal until February 15, 1824, the church was destitute of a pastor, but for five years following they enjoyed the regular preaching of the gospel for one-third of the time by the Rev. Fosdic Harrison, pastor of the church in Roxbury.

Mr. Taylor built and occupied the house which is known as the Lyman Smith place. The magnificent shade trees around it were set there by him, and he also set the orchard east of the house. He purchased the trees of John Sturdevant, who was to take his pay in sermons on the doctrine of election. On the following Sunday Mr. Taylor delivered an old blue one, and at the close Mr. Sturdevant said, "Mr. Taylor, we will call the tree account square."

In January, 1811, a committee was appointed to make further efforts to finish the meeting-house, and in 1812 the tax which had been one cent on the dollar for religious purposes was raised to five cents on the dollar on the list. The lottery enterprise which had been started in 1807 was renewed in 1813, and Andrew Minor appointed as agent to the General Assembly to urge the matter "for the relief of said Society, or to apply for relief in some other way." One year later, Andrew Minor was appointed agent to manage the lottery according to the best of his ability for the benefit of the Society.

The final result of the lottery was disastrous, and the meeting-

house was finished after some years by contributions and taxes from the people.

In the early part of the year 1817 the meeting-house was struck by lightning, and this being repaired, it continued without further expense of any amount until 1842. In this year, March 10, the Society voted to repair the underpinning and steeple, put slips in the place of the pews, and cover the building on three sides with pine siding; also "to paint the outside and inside if sufficient funds can be raised by subscription." J. L. Minor was appointed a committee to circulate the same, and Lyman Smith, John Wooster, and Harmon Treat were appointed a committee to superintend the work.

Church Singing.

The singing at the services in the meetings was regularly arranged from year to year by the authority of the Ecclesiastical Society. Nearly as soon as the meeting-house could be occupied, in December, 1809, they appointed John Smith, Joseph C. Treat, John Randall, Caleb Beach, Jeremiah Canfield, Augustine Canfield, and Edward Bostwick, Choristers; and the same persons were appointed the next year, with the addition of Alva T. Canfield, and the society voted to "pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars for singing." In 1813, Cyrus French and Castle Betts were added to the choristers. To these were added in 1814, Isaac Hill and Abijah Treat, making the number eleven, and with an equal multitude of women in the choir there must have been considerable strength, if not harmony, in the singing. But the music of those days was arranged with great care in special regard to harmony, and the training of the voice was definitely in reference to this one thing—considered then as the one great accomplishment in all music. Notwithstanding the great cultivation of musical taste at the present day, no choir can sing the old tunes with the idea of harmony as they were sung fifty years ago. A much greater art is now displayed as to variety and high cultivation of the voice, but no such effect upon the audiences of worshipers is now experienced as in the olden times, when the pathos of the minor strains of music held the audiences spell-bound in silent awe, or in tearful, devout worship, or heart-broken penitence. It is not maintained but that, on the whole,

under the greatly changed theological sentiments the present style is the better ; for singing, as well as all other use of talents, should be conducted in view of some end to be accomplished, whether it be amusement, joy, or sorrow ; and, although it may be very difficult at the present day as well as fifty years ago to determine, or guess, or surmise what the object very often is, yet, that intelligent, cultivated beings should have an object, and should know what the object is, may be quite reasonably concluded.

It may be concluded, also, that in Bridgewater society there must have been great social harmony, or so many choristers, whatever their respective rank in the choir, could not have remained from year to year in the same meeting-house, unless their singing was of so high order that nothing could keep them from it.

Dismissal of their First Minister.

Scarcely five years had passed after the settlement of Mr. Taylor, when, by a series of events, so unfortunate as to make everybody sad, occurred, or had occurred, by which it became necessary for the pastor to be dismissed, however acceptable and serviceable he may have been to that time. Mr. Andrew Minor had agreed to manage the lottery, which had been entered into in all good faith by the Society, as was the custom for such bodies in those days, and finished the meeting-house, taking all responsibility on himself, being much interested in behalf of the Society, and a benevolent, good man, but the lottery in itself was a failure ; and to add to the disaster, the agent employed by Mr. Minor to collect much of the money, took occasion to make a returnless journey and carried a large amount of it with him, all of which ended in financial calamity to Mr. Minor, who not long after, removed from the town in search, not of his agent, but for a better fortune.

During this time of great struggle on the part of the Bridgewater Society, the Fund for the maintenance of the minister had become unavailable, or nearly so, and honesty required a re-arrangement as to the expenditures of the society, and hence the following actions of the society.

"Feb. 6, 1815. Voted First, that a council be called. Second, that the Consociation be the above council. Third, that An-

drew Minor, Reuben Warner, Jr., Stephen Crane, Dea. John Merwin, and Daniel A. Treat be a committee to confer with Mr. Reuben Taylor to represent the society to the Consociation. Fourth, that Dea. John Merwin, Dea. Ashbel Bostwick, and Mr. Benjamin Mead be a committee to request Mr. Reuben Taylor to call a meeting of the church and represent to them the doings of this meeting, and that the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Taylor make provisions for the Consociation." Several adjourned meetings were held in rapid succession, and on the 6th of the following March they voted "that we feel ourselves wholly inadequate to support the Rev. Mr. Taylor, and think that for the best good of the society he should be dismissed from his pastoral charge in Bridgewater Society." Yeas 19, Nays 9. They also at the same time invited the Consociation to meet on the first Tuesday of April next at 10 o'clock A. M., at the dwelling house of Benjamin Mead, for the purpose of dismissing Mr. Taylor.

On the 10th day of May, 1815, they voted, "that the society would make up to Mr. Reuben Taylor the remainder of the five hundred dollars which was subscribed as a settlement," all of which had not been paid because it could not be collected.

At the next annual meeting in December they appointed a committee to "inquire into the situation of the Fund in this society, and inquire into the causes of the failure of said fund, and report the same to the society, and also to report some plan for the management of said Fund in the future."

From this time, for more than a year, the society secured preaching or reading of sermons as best they could by the Sabbath, until in July, 1816, when they appointed a committee, Stephen, Crane, Daniel A. Treat, Doct. Levi Beardsley, and Abijah Beach "to take the minds of the people belonging to this society respecting steady preaching, whether they generally wish to have it continued, and if so, in what way they will support it, and make their report," but nothing definite seems to have been done for two years. They then voted (Dec. 28, 1818), "that we will hire the Rev. Mr. Harrison to preach the gospel if he can be obtained, one third part of the time in Bridgewater Society." Mr. Fosdick Harrison was settled pastor at Roxbury from 1813 to 1835, and hence assumed much additional labor by preaching

in Bridgewater, which was arranged in part, not long after, through a committee to consult with the same, of Roxbury, and an agreement with Mr. Harrison, although a permanent arrangement was not made with him until 1824. He was a faithful, earnest, and acceptable minister, and this arrangement was a most favorable one for Bridgewater under its most difficult and trying circumstances. Immediately upon this arrangement an effort was made to increase the Fund by subscriptions, so as to place the society upon a more reliable and independent basis, which effort was partially successful. If at the first the subscriptions had all been collected, instead of taking notes for the amounts, and the money placed at interest in large sums on real estate security, much trouble and calamity would have been saved; but experience is the world's teacher and therefore Bridgewater must take its share.

In 1817, while the society was struggling without a pastor to recover from disaster, in a beautiful April shower, down came the lightning on the meeting-house, making splinters and destruction much faster than the carpenters did when building it, but without burning the house, and on the 5th of May following the society took measures to make repairs. Had this building been a place of amusement, there would have been much talk about the judgments of the Lord against the wicked, but as it was a house of worship, the application of "judgment" did not seem to fit the religious notions of the people, as well as it would have done in the other case. The real fact is that God establishes laws in his universe and gives men reason, to exercise in regard to those laws, and therefore if very good people will build steeples without lightning rods for protection, however good and honest and religious such people may be, they are very likely to have the fun of making repairs, after the manner of the Bridgewater people and hundreds of other like societies.

In July, 1829, the Bridgewater Society appointed a committee to make application to the Domestic Missionary Society (now the Home Missionary Society) for assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, and in the next September, voted not to give a candidate a call to settle, but to hire a minister for one year if the salary could be raised.

In the annual meeting in December, 1830 and 1831, the vote

gave the society's committee authority "to hire a minister for one year, at their discretion," and as a result, the Rev. Maltby Gelston was employed one year from 1831 to 1832. Mr. Gelston was pastor at Sherman, Ct., from 1797 until his decease in 1856, and must have been hired as a supply a part of the time, as Mr. Harrison had been, previously. A vote to call Mr. John W. Beecher, a native of Southbury, was passed in the Society, but he was not secured. He afterwards preached six years in Ellsworth, in Sharon.

On the 18th of November, 1834, the Society concurred with the Church in giving a call to Mr. Albert B. Camp to settle, which he accepted, and was ordained pastor Dec. 9, 1834. The stipulation of the society was that either party giving three months' written notice, the salary should cease and both should unite in calling for a dismission. His salary was \$365 a year, and three Sundays vacation, and during his pastorate in 1842, the new meeting-house was rebuilt. He was dismissed June, 1843.

Immediately upon the organization of the Bridgewater Society quite a spirit was manifested by individuals, to escape from paying for the support of this ecclesiastical society. But a few years previously the law had been changed so as to allow persons to pay to any society or church they preferred, but they must pay to some one, and must certify to the fact for themselves, or by a known citizen, if they desired release from paying to the legal town society, or societies.

The first of these certificates recorded in the Bridgewater Society's book reads as follows:

"This is to certify that Gideon Baldwin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and contributes to said Church.

Under my hand this 11th day of September, 1804.

PETER MORIARTY, *Elder.*

Another record reads:

"This may certify that I, Solomon Johnson, do declare myself to be of the Universal Order. Feb. 13, 1817."

The following persons declared themselves to belong to different Churches.

Methodists.

Gideon Baldwin in 1804.
 Benjamin A. Ruggles, 1804.
 Phineas Gorham, 1804.
 Justus Weller, 1804.
 William Betts, 1804.
 Samuel H. Wakelee, 1805.
 Trowbridge Ruggles, 1806.
 Daniel Keeler, 1810.
 Miles Merwin, 1812.
 Thomas B. Reynolds.

Universal.

Solomon Johnson, 1817.

Baptists.

Aaron Hitchcock, 180
 Lemuel Bardsley, 1806.
 Abijah Patterson, 1812.

Episcopalians.

Peter Phippeny, 1807.
 David Merwin, 3d, 1810.
 Homer Bronson, 1825.

Quakers.

Laurens Judson, 1813.

After 1818, persons were not required to pay if they so notified the Society's Clerk, and the following did so.

Orange Smith in 1823.
 Truman Bennitt in 1823.
 Jabez Hanford in 1825.
 James Phippeny in 1816.
 Joseph Bennitt in 1831.

Cyrus French in 1831.
 John Randall in 1831.
 Phebe Burr in 1823.
 Daniel Merwin 2d in 1825.
 Sarah Canfield in 1829.

Early in the year 1839, a movement began which resulted in the building of a parsonage for the minister to reside in while pastor within the society. The society owned some land near the meeting-house. A special donation was made by Stephen Treat towards this object, and shares were taken at twenty-five dollars each to secure the sum needed. Mr. Harley Sanford took the contract for \$1,232.02, and in due time the work was completed; Beach Sanford and Daniel Minor being the building committee. The shareholders were:

Daniel Minor, 3.
 Homer Treat, 2.
 Lucretia Treat, 2.
 Almira Treat, 1.
 Harriet Welton, 1.
 Beach Sanford, 2.
 Henry Sanford, 1.
 Albert Beach, 2.

Abijah Beach, 3.
 Nehemiah Sanford, 1.
 Ruth Lockwood, 2.
 Horatio Welton, 2.
 Stephen Treat,
 Horatio N. Welton, } *Society's*
 Beach Sanford, } *Committee, 20.*

After a time the society purchased the claims of the shareholders and it still holds the property.

Rev. James Kilbourn supplied the pulpit from August 13, 1843, and was ordained Feb. 21, 1844, his salary being \$450, including aid from the Domestic Missionary Society. He was dismissed July 1, 1850.

Rev. Dillon Williams was acting pastor during the two following years, until September, 1852.

Rev. Fosdic Harrison again supplied the pulpit at intervals from 1852 to 1860, while unsuccessful efforts seem to have been made to secure a pastor; and in consequence of his oft repeated and many labors for this society, his memory is cherished with a great sense of kindly feeling and obligation.

Rev. L. S. Potwin was ordained pastor here Oct. 2, 1860, and was dismissed in 1863.

Rev. Henry E. Hart was acting pastor from July, 1863, to July, 1866.

Rev. William H. Dean commenced his labors here Nov. 21, 1866, and he was installed Aug. 28, 1867. Simultaneous with his coming there was developed a revival of considerable extent, which resulted in the largest number of accessions at any one time that the church has ever been favored with. During his pastorate a new pipe organ was placed in the church, which cost eleven hundred dollars, and was the gift of Lyman Smith. It was to the congregation a great and valuable gift, and is highly appreciated, it being a good and a very appropriate instrument in its capacity for this house of worship. This is specially true since the gallery is not now filled with the old twelve choristers and their thirty or forty singers as was the case sixty years ago. Nor is the house crowded as once it was, although there is still a good number in regular attendance for such a farming community. Alas! alas! Where are the numbers that kept holy-day in this sanctuary?

Rev. William H. Dean was dismissed June 21, 1871.

Rev. John B. Doolittle commenced his labors with this people July 1, 1872, and was installed on the 16th of the October following, and continued there until 1879.

Rev. S. Fielder Palmer occupied the pulpit nearly two years—to June, 1881—when he removed to Patchogue, Long Island, N. Y.

Rev. Eugene F. Atwood, a graduate of Oberlin Seminary, is now supplying the pulpit, having commenced his labors here the first Sunday in August, 1881.

Seven of the sons of this church have entered the Christian ministry, namely: Joseph Treat, William A. Hawley, Levi

Smith; Isaac C. Beach, Julius O. Beardsley, a foreign missionary, Philo B. Hurd, and Albert E. Dunning.

The following legacies have been received by the society: in 1847, by the estate of Abijah Beach, \$300; in 1849, by the estate of Stephen Treat, \$500; in 1850, by the estate of Mrs. David Young, \$50; in 1873, by the estate of Lyman Smith, \$1,000, in addition to the gift of the organ.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater.

The record of the organization of St. Mark's Episcopal Society begins with a meeting held at the dwelling house of Jonas Sanford, on Easter Monday, April 23, 1810, at which William Gillett and Julius Camp were chosen wardens, Daniel Booth, Jeremiah Platt, and James Jessup, vestrymen, William Gillett, reading clerk, Samuel Lockwood, treasurer; also David Merwin, Joseph Wheeler, Blackman Jessup, Jeremiah Canfield, Treat Canfield, Jehiel Summers, and John Treat were chosen choristers, and Joel Sanford was elected to attend the State Convention within the year.

The service was held at the dwellings of the several members, but more frequently at the house of Jonas Sanford, by lay-readers and neighboring ministers, for nearly twenty years, when an effort was made to build a house of worship. The site was located near the old burying-place west of where they finally built their first house, and the timber for the frame was collected at that place, but the question of the location or something of the kind caused the work to cease, and the matter was delayed some time. In 1835, the first house was erected about half a mile south of the present village, in the field, and afterwards a highway was made past it for the accommodation of the people. This building is still standing, is two stories high, and in a beautiful location. Soon after this the village began to increase in dwellings and population, and to become a center of trade, in consequence of the increase of the business of manufacturing hats, particularly by Glover Sanford, and this house of worship was found to be inconveniently located. Hence, in 1859 a new edifice was erected in the village where it now stands, which was consecrated March 14, 1860, by the Rt. Rev. John Williams.

Among those ministers who officiated here before a house of



George Sanborn

worship was erected, are the names of Rev. B. Northrop, the Rev. Benjamin Benham of New Milford, and the Rev. Joseph S. Covel. Since 1835 the church has been under the pastoral charge of the following clergymen: Revs. Joseph S. Covel, Abel Nichols, George H. Nichols, William Atwell, Abel Ogden, William O. Jarvis, H. F. M. Whitesides, Abel Nichols, Merritt H. Wellman, William H. Cook, James Morton, H. D. Noble, X. Alanson Welton, W. B. Colburn, D.D., and G. V. C. Eastman, D.D., who resigned and removed to the West in 1882.

The officers of the parish at the present time are: Jeremiah G. Randall, Eli Sturdevant, Wardens; Arza C. Morris, Albert B. Mallett, and Amos Northrop, Vestrymen; Arza C. Morris, Treasurer; Jeremiah G. Randall, Delegate to Convention; and Eli Sturdevant, Clerk.

Methodist Episcopal Church in Bridgewater.

Methodist preaching was held in Brookfield soon after, if not before the year 1800, by the preachers of Ridgefield Circuit. Peter Moriarty, who was on that circuit in 1804 and 1805, preached in the southern part of Bridgewater, and in those years several persons deposited certificates with the Bridgewater Society that they belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Mr. Moriarty signed one of these certificates. (See page 420.):

Gideon Baldwin, in 1804,
Benjamin A. Ruggles, in 1804,
Phineas Gorham in 1804,
Justus Weller, in 1804,
William Betts, in 1804,

Samuel H. Wakelee, in 1805,
Trowbridge Ruggles, in 1806,
David Keejer, in 1810,
Miles Merwin, in 1812,
Thomas B. Reynolds.

For many years preaching was held in the dwelling-house of Benjamin A. Ruggles, but afterwards when Southville began to grow as a village, the Methodist meetings of the region were held there. This village grew until it became a place of considerable manufacturing interests. A large tannery, several hat manufactures, one grist-mill, shoe manufactures, two stores, and a cabinet shop were in full operation. About fifteen years ago a meeting-house was built, but nearly all the manufacturing enterprises have ceased, and preaching is held once in two weeks.

Early Settlers and Prominent Men.

Nehemiah Sanford from Umpawaug in Redding, settled in New Milford in the Neck, where Mr. Henry Sanford now resides, in 1772, and was one of the substantial farmers of the town. He was not prominent in offices, nor a large land speculator, but a successful farmer. His descendants were not numerous, he having only two sons, Liffe and Nehemiah, who had families.

Liffe Sanford, son of Nehemiah, sen., was born in Redding in 1750, and came with his father to New Milford, when after four years he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolution, and continued in that war seven years. He was present at the execution of Major Andre, saw much hard service, but returned home alive, and became a successful farmer. He died in 1815.

Glover Sanford, the third son of Liffe Sanford, was born in 1797, and died in 1878, at the age of 81 years. After the death of his father he apprenticed himself to his brother, John B. Sanford, in Brookfield, to learn the trade of a hatter, being then eighteen years of age. In 1820 he commenced business in the town of Salisbury, Ct., and in February, 1821, he married Betsey, daughter of Benjamin Lake of Brookfield. In 1823, he returned to his native town, and engaged in the manufacturing of hats; in which, being successful, he associated his four sons, Charles H., Homer B., Frederick S., and Edwin G., upon their arriving at legal age, who composed the well known firm of Glover Sanford and Sons. This firm continued in the hat making business until for want of facilities they removed their business in 1870 to Bridgeport, Conn., in which he continued until his death, and the business is still continued under the same firm name. He experienced in his manufacturing career, difficulties that would have disheartened a man of less resolution and courage; but with him to encounter a difficulty was to overcome. He was self-reliant, persevering, public spirited, upright, and of keen business foresight, yet ever ready to assist others in the time of need. In the affairs of his native town he acted with a spirit of enterprise for the public good, and hence accepted the position of postmaster in 1831, the first appointment of the kind, the office being granted by the government at his own personal ex-

pense, when the work was much more a matter of public convenience than of remuneration, and held the same eleven years, his first commission being issued during the administration of Andrew Jackson. He was a representative of the town of New Milford, and was one of the original corporators of the bank of Litchfield county at New Milford, now the First National Bank of New Milford, and a director in the same until within a few weeks of his death. Upon the organization of the town of Bridgewater, he was elected one of its first selectmen. His habits of activity kept him from the infirmities of age, and he retained full vigor of his mental faculties until the close of life.

Zerubbabel Canfield came to New Milford with his father, probably, in 1726 or 7, he being 17 or 18 years of age; and in 1733 he married Mary, daughter of John Bostwick, sen., and made his residence apparently in or near New Milford village for a time, and then settled in Bridgewater where Mr. Egbert B. Canfield now resides. He was residing there in 1750, when land was surveyed to Joseph Canfield, near Cranberry Pond "east of Zerubbabel Canfield's dwelling-house," and was among the first settlers in the part of Bridgewater where now the village is located. He died in 1770, and hence saw a great change in that part of the town, in the clearing away of the forests and the settlement of inhabitants.

Jeremiah Canfield, Jr., was in Old Milford in 1740, and may not have settled here until about the time Zerubbabel made his residence in Bridgewater. He settled near his brother Zerubbabel.

Azariah Canfield married Mary Baldwin, Feb. 26, 1720, and settled in New Milford at the time his father did in 1726 or 7. He was the first settler in the western part of Lower Merryall, so far as we have learned. He was residing there in 1765 when Elihu Marsh, sen., bought land in that locality,—the land where Wanzer Marsh afterwards resided. He must have removed to the north part of Bridgewater soon after, for he appears to have been residing there during the Revolution.

Capt. Joseph Canfield, the youngest of Jeremiah sen's family, came with his father to New Milford when he was 14 or 15 years of age, and married in 1737, and settled in Bridgewater about 1750. He was one of the committee appointed in 1751,

to build the second Congregational meeting-house. His dwelling-house was on the ridge of land north of his brothers Jeremiah and Zerubbabel, on the New Milford road, and Azariah, his brother, settled east of, and adjoining him. He was a captain in the French war, as may be seen on page 226 in this book.

John Sturdevant, Jr., came to New Milford and married Sarah Barnum in 1782, and settled in the eastern part of the Neck, a wheelwright.

Stephen Sturdevant, perhaps a brother of John, Jr., came here and married Anne Sanford in 1791, and the birth of one child of his is recorded in the town.

David Beach of Stratford bought of Edward Collins in 1768, for £185 lawful money, 90 acres of land with a dwelling house, barn, and one-eighth of a saw-mill standing at one side of the land; and was residing on this homestead in 1774, when he purchased other land near it. This was the farm across the way from Mr. Egbert B. Canfield's present dwelling-house. He owned land on "the north-east side of Rocky Mountain in Shepaug Neck;" which mountain lies south of Clapboard Oak Brook.

Caleb Beach came into the town and married Clara Treat in 1787. The birth of three of his daughters was recorded in the town.

Abijah Beach, son of David, came from Stratford and married Abigail Closson in 1790, he being in his 25th year. He became quite an influential successful farmer and citizen.

Lt. Jabez Wooster, son of Timothy, Jr., was born in 1728 in Derby, that part which became Oxford. His grandfather resided in the Naugatuck valley a little way below the present village of Seymour. His great grandfather Edward Wooster was one of the first three or four settlers in Derby in 1654.

Jabez Wooster purchased Sept. 4, 1772, of Robert Hawkins, 100 acres, lying "east of the Great river and southeasterly of the Great Falls," on which he resided, and two generations of his descendants. The house is still standing as it was built, with the back roof descending nearly to the ground, one of the few old houses left to represent the ancient style of architecture. Jabez Wooster had two sons, Peter and Isaac.

Peter Wooster, son of Jabez, was born in 1762, and married

Betsey Canfield in 1787. He was a farmer and died Sept. 12, 1798, leaving two children, John and Susannah.

John Wooster, son of Peter, was born in 1790. He passed his youth on the farm attending the district school; and while a boy nearly lost his life by a log which rolled on him, making an indentation in his skull, which affected his brain. A piece of the skull bone was taken out, and a silver shilling placed under the skin to protect the brain, which piece always remained there, so that it could be said that he was never without a shilling. He early commenced teaching school in the winter season, and soon attained to the credit of being one of the best teachers of his day. After twenty-one years of age, he taught school winters and worked on the farm summers, applying all his means to buying the interests of his sisters in his father's farm. He married Jerusha, daughter of David Lockwood. He thought much of his home and seemed most happy when surrounded by his family, and enjoying the society of his friends and neighbors with whom he always lived on the best of terms. In the prime of life he met with an accident which incapacitated him for hard labor, by being thrown from a wagon and injuring one knee, but he almost constantly held some public office in the town, which in some measure compensated for his inability to labor. He once represented New Milford in the legislature. He was a prompt, punctual, upright business man, and was entrusted with the settling of estates. He was constable, assessor, and selectman, the last so often that he was sometimes called the "Old Selectman."

A year or two before his death he went to live with his daughter Susan at Bridgewater Centre, where he died as he had lived, with his children around him, on May 29, 1858, aged 68 years.

Jonas Sanford came from Newtown and purchased in 1794, of Samuel Canfield, 2d, 212 acres of land for £600 lawful money, with a dwelling; 65 acres with the house and barn on the east side of the road, and 147 acres on the west side of the road, in the Neck. This land Mr. Canfield had purchased of several parties.

Isaac Brisco bought his first land here in 1751, of Benjamin Pickett, for £1000, old tenor money, ten acres with a dwelling house on it, and several other pieces of land "in Shippaug

Neck, south of Capt. Joseph Treat's land," and settled on it at that time, and was there still in 1772, but the family appear to have all left the town not long after.

Roswell Morris was born in Newtown, May 27, 1795, and was the son of Amos Morris, who was born in Stratford in 1762, and married Eunice Clark. His parents removed from Newtown to Bridgewater in the spring of 1800. Here they resided until 1833, when they removed to Great Barrington, Mass., where they died. Roswell Morris married Laura, daughter of John Canfield, in 1818, and settled as a farmer a little way west of the Sanford Hat manufactory, where he died Sept. 22, 1874. Having obtained a common school education, he set out as a young man to seek employment, and journeyed as far as New Jersey, walking much of the way. He taught school in that state one or two years, then returned to Bridgewater and engaged on a farm with his brother Levi, and by degrees obtained the farm a little west of the Centre, as described above. Besides working this farm he taught school for many winters,—going often after school hours into the woods with his team and drawing wood by moonlight. He held the office of constable in New Milford, often doing sheriff's work, for which he was well qualified by strength of body, and possessing quick perception and clear judgment.

During the war of 1812, while ploughing, his father came to him and represented that he had been drafted, upon which he said "I am ready," and unhitched his team, when his father let him know he was only joking, and that he was not drafted. He then replied, "if you have been trying that game you will get no more work from me to-day," and took a play-day. He held at different times the various offices in the town of New Milford, and was often employed in the settlement of estates. He was one of the first Board of Selectmen in the town of Bridgewater, and rendered efficient service in making an amicable settlement between New Milford and Bridgewater in 1756.

He celebrated his golden wedding Nov. 20, 1868, when a large company of neighbors and friends were present, with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. On that occasion he was presented with a gold-headed cane by his friends and neighbors.

He held the office of warden in St. Mark's Church for many years unto the time of his decease. During the last years of his life he was greatly afflicted with rheumatism, and suffered almost constant pain, yet as long as crutches could help him he was in his place in the church. In the prime of life he was energetic and resolute to accomplish whatever he undertook, and to such a character it was hard to be reduced to a state of helplessness, but he bore it with a Christian spirit worthy of imitation.

Mr. James Harvey Keeler, son of Stephen B. Keeler, was born in Ridgefield, Conn. His father removed to the Neck and settled here in 1813. He received his education at the common school, and at the age of eleven years left home to enter upon a life of arduous labor, and at seventeen was apprenticed to a carpenter, which trade he followed about ten years. He married Harriet Skidmore, April 20, 1836, purchased a farm and worked on it some years, then erected a store and pursued the mercantile business in connection with his farm work. He then engaged in buying, fattening, and selling cattle, and continued this business, with farming, more than thirty years. He still continues farming, and is also engaged in buying, packing, and selling tobacco.

Mr. Keeler was elected to the Legislature for New Milford in 1856, for the purpose of securing the incorporation of the Bridgewater Society into a town, which object by much effort was accomplished. He was a Representative for Bridgewater in 1879, was for many years justice of the peace and selectman, and has held nearly all the town offices. All enterprises for improvement—moral, religious, educational, and for general welfare have been zealously supported by him.

Nehemiah Sanford, Jr., the youngest son of Nehemiah, Sen., was born in Redding, Conn., in 1762, and came with his father's family to New Milford Neck in 1773, and enlisted in the Revolutionary war when nineteen years of age, and served three months, when the war closed. He was an ardent supporter of, and attendant upon, the institutions and ordinances of the gospel, and was a reliable, upright citizen. He married Hannah, daughter of David Beach, and had a family of six children.

Mr. Henry Sanford, the youngest son of Nehemiah

Sanford, Jr., was born October 14, 1806. He was educated in the common school and on the farm, and owns and cultivates the farm his father and grandfather did before him; and where the Indians had a camping-ground. At the age of twenty-one he identified himself with the Congregational Society, wherein he still continues a reliable supporter, and to aid which he has held many offices.

At the age of twenty-two he married Anna J., daughter of Daniel Canfield, in 1828, and had two sons, one dying in infancy.

Mr. Sanford is still an active and a hard-working but successful farmer, with a good farm. Seventy-six years he has dwelt on the old homestead, steadily engaged in the toil of life, which has brought some improvements and a competency for the needs of life.

Dea. Horace N. Sanford, son of Henry Sanford, was educated at district school, select school, and two years at the State Normal School at New Britain, Conn., and is now a deacon in the Congregational Church. During the late Rebellion he joined the 19th Regiment, C. V., Company H., September 11, 1862, as sergeant, and continued in the service three years, until date of muster out in July, 1865. He received three wounds; one at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864, under Gen. Grant; two at Strasburg, October 19, 1864, under Gen. Sheridan. He was in the battles of Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864; Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, September 20, 1864; Cedar Creek, October 8, 1864, and of Fort Fisher, and was at Petersburg before Lee's surrender. When wounded in the hip, he lay some little time wholly unconscious, such was the shock of the wound to the system; but the wound proved not very serious, except that it is rather a serious matter to be hit with a rifle ball in the slightest manner.

Another battle was fought with great desperation, in the winter of 1862-3, while the regiment was on the line of the Washington defences, near Fort Worth. The regiment was marched out in the deep snow in front of the line of works, without their guns, and the command was given, "Break into battalions;" and as four hundred men stood confronting as many more on the other side, the order was given, "Load and

fire at will;" and the will-power was freely exercised. No man deserted in this engagement until the bugle sounded a retreat.

Mr. Marcus B. Mallett, son of David and Eunice B. Mallett, was born in Trumbull, Conn., in 1809. He enjoyed the privileges of education in the district school until fifteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to his uncle, Benjamin B. Beach, of Bridgewater. At the end of the first year, his uncle's health having failed, he hired Marcus to Hiram Keeler, his brother-in-law, who was a carpenter. He remained with Mr. Keeler until the October before he was twenty-one years of age, working the next year for Amos Williams, of Brookfield, Conn., at the close of which he purchased a farm of Hiram Keeler, paying eleven hundred dollars in cash and agreeing to pay a balance of nine hundred dollars at the expiration of four years. On the 8th of March, 1831, he married Sarah, daughter of Stephen B. and Sally Keeler, and has several children. By industry and economy the farm was paid for in the stipulated time and he had four hundred dollars besides, which gives the impression that there was some good soil on that farm. This farm he sold, and purchased another, and sold that in 1842. He is now living on the farm he purchased of G. R. Warner.

Incorporation of the Town of Bridgewater.

The Ecclesiastical Society of Bridgewater, then a part of the town of New Milford, was incorporated as a town in May, 1856, and the first town meeting was held July 14, 1856, with Doct. Horace Judson as Moderator. The following officers were chosen: Sherman Peck, Glover Sanford, and Roswell Morris, Selectmen; Charles H. Sanford, Town Clerk; Peter Wooster, Treasurer; Eli Sturdevant, Constable and Collector; Burr Glover, Burr Mallett, Samuel F. Clark, and John Keeler, Constables; Nelson D. Trowbridge and Addison Beardsley, Grand Jurors; Samuel R. Clark, Henry C. Knight, and J. G. Randall, Tithingmen; Charles Leavenworth and Alva Warner, Haywards; David Wooster, Gauger; Harley Sanford, Scaler of Weights and Measures; James M. Phippeney, Packer; William P. Bennett, Sexton; J. Platt, Burying-ground Commissioner; Henry B. Young, Pound-keeper; Peter Phippeney and S. W. Treat, Fence Viewers; Horace Judson, Registrar.

The following is a list of the Town Clerks : Charles H. Sanford, from 1856 to 1859 ; G. M. Warner and Levi M. Warner, from 1860 to 1862 ; Austin H. Gillett, from 1863 to 1869 ; Henry H. Du Bois, M.D., from 1870 to 1874 ; G. R. Warner, from 1875 to 1882.

The following are the Representatives from 1867 to 1881 :

1857 Hiram Keeler,	1870 Daniel Keeler,
1858 Homer B. Sanford,	1871 Sherman Peck,
1859 Nelson D. Trowbridge,	1872 Burr Mallett,
1860 John Peck,	1873 Edgar I. Peck,
1861 R. J. Livingston,	1874 Darwin Keeler,
1862 F. S. Sanford,	1875 Bruce B. Beach,
1863 Smith R. Weeks,	1876 Marcus B. Mallett,
1864 George Beardsley,	1877 John Keeler,
1865 Eli Sturdevant,	1878 Jeremiah G. Randall,
1866 Glover Sanford,	1879 James H. Keeler,
1867 Alonzo Barnum,	1880 George W. Morris,
1868 G. R. Warner,	1881 Amos Northrop.
1869 Austin H. Gillett,	

The Postmasters at Bridgewater.

Glover Sanford appointed June 15, 1831. David Wooster, appointed Feb. 27, 1862.
 Charles H. Sanford, " June 23, 1842. George Lyon, " June 11, 1870.
 Smith R. Weeks, " Jan. 18, 1853.

The census of the town gives the number of inhabitants in 1870 as 878, and for 1880, 708.

The War Record for Bridgewater.

Alexander, Charles, Private Co. G, 5th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
Armitage, William H., Private Co. G, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 14, 1863. Deserted Oct. 2, 1863.
Barney, Charles, Private Co. A, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 28, 1864. Deserted July 18, 1865.
Beardsley, Edward C., Private Co. D, 10th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 1, 1861. Died April 25, 1862, Newbern, N. C.
Beers, Hermon, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., August 25, 1862. Deserted Nov. 18, 1862.
Beers, Joseph T., Corporal Co. E, 12th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 23, 1861. Mustered out Dec. 2, 1864.
Bertrame, Albert, Private Co. D, 5th Reg't Inf't., July 15, 1863. Deserted Aug. 23, 1863.
Brown, John, Private Co. I, 1st Reg't H. Art., Dec. 2, 1864. Deserted Dec. 28, 1864.

- Campbell, Duncan**, Private Co. B, 5th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Deserted March 12, 1864.
- Canfield, Robert A.**, Private Co. E, 12th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 22, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran Jan. 1, 1864. Deserted July 3, 1865.
- Carr, Henry**, Private Co. C, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 12, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Carr, John**, Private Co. G, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 14, 1863. Killed July 20, 1864, Peach Tree Creek, Ga.
- Chapin, Newton S.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 6, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Clemson, George**, Private Co. E, 27th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 15, 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1863.
- Collins, John**, Private Co. K, 15th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Transferred U. S. Navy May 17, 1864.
- Conklin, John H.**, Private Co. D, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 21, 1863. Killed Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va.
- Convey, Michael**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 4, 1864. Wounded June 22, 1864, Petersburg, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Cummings, George D.**, Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 10, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Curtis, George H.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., January 4, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Devine, Barney**, Private Co. E, 11th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 1, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Devoe, David**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 2, 1862. Deserted Nov. 18, 1862.
- Dixon, Anthony G.**, Private Co. F, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 23, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Doyle, William**, Private Co. G, 20th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Wounded. Transferred to 5th Reg't Inf't. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Duffy, Eugene H.**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 14, 1863. Killed July 20, 1864, Peach Tree Creek, Ga.
- Dumont, Edward**, Private 1st Reg't Cavalry, Dec. 21, 1863. Not taken upon the rolls.
- Dupres, John**, Private Co. E, 11th Reg't Inf't., March 4, 1864. Promoted, 1st Lieut. Deserted July 13, 1865.
- Erwin, Homer F.**, Corporal Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 6, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Died March 30, 1864, Bridgewater, Conn.
- Falk, Peter**, Private Co. K, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 16, 1863. Deserted Oct. 1, 1863.
- Foulon, Leon**, Private Co. D, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 18, 1864. Discharged June 13, 1865.
- Francis, Thomas**, Private Co. G, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Garlick, Seymour**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 30, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Gregory, William H.**, Private Co. E, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 23, 1863. Killed Oct. 27, 1864, Richmond, Va.
- Guy, Joseph H.**, Private Co. G, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 15, 1863. Mustered out July 19, 1865.

- Hamblet, David**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 17, 1863. Deserted Aug. 25, 1863.
- Hamlin, Almon E.**, Private Co. C, 23d Reg't Inf't., Aug. 30, 1862. Died June 2, 1863, La Fourche, La.
- Hansey, Peter**, Private Co. C, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 16, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Harbeck, Henry**, Private Co. B, 5th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Deserted Nov. 9, 1864.
- Harrington, Timothy**, Private Co. D, 20th Reg't Inf't., August 24, 1864. Transferred to 5th Reg't Inf't. Deserted while on way to regiment.
- Harvey, George**, Private Co. A, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 12, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Hines, Peter**, Private Co. I, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 15, 1863. Deserted Oct. 1, 1863.
- Hinton, Harry**, Private Co. G, 20th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Transferred to 5th Reg't Inf't. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Jackson, William**, Private Co. H, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 19, 1864. Deserted May 17, 1865.
- Jones, Robert**, Private Co. D, 5th Reg't Inf't., March 3, 1864. Deserted March 12, 1864.
- Kanstler, William**, Private Co. E, 5th Reg't Inf't., July 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, Sept. 1, 1861.
- Langdon, Michael**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 30, 1862. Deserted Nov. 25, 1862.
- Lecor, August**, Private Co. K, 8th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 18, 1864. Deserted Aug. 20, 1865.
- Mable, Henry**, Private Co. E, 27th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 15, 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1863.
- Mable, James H.**, Private Co. E, 27th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 15, 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1863.
- Mars, Henry**, Private Co. E, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 17, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- McLaughlin, James**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 2, 1862. Deserted Nov. 18, 1862.
- Mead, Frederick**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 30, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Miller, John**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 26, 1864. Deserted Aug. 31, 1865.
- Muluway, George**, Private 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, Feb. 26, 1863. Deserted March 7, 1863.
- Murphy, John**, Corporal Co. I, 9th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 1, 1861. Discharged Oct. 26, 1864.
- Paulcraft, George**, Private Co. E, 27th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 15, 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1863.
- Payne, Henry M.**, Private Co. E, 12th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, June 27, 1862.
- Peck, Dwight W.**, Sergeant Co. D, 10th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 1, 1861. Discharged, disability, July 22, 1862.
- Peck, Isaac**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Deserted Nov. 18, 1862.

- Peters, George**, Private Co. C, 10th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 12, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Pullis, Conrad**, Private Co. L, 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, March 7, 1862. Discharged March 13, 1865.
- Reid, John S.**, Private Co. K, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 23, 1864. Deserted Dec. 17, 1864.
- Rowland, Stephen**, Private Co. II, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 20, 1864. Not taken up on rolls.
- Sanford, Horace N.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't Heavy Artillery, Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Schneeveiss, George**, Private Co. F, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 23, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Schrieber, Henry**, Private Co. L, 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, March 7, 1862. Discharged March 13, 1865.
- Shanley, Thomas**, Private Co. L, 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, Sept. 20, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Shaver, Harris**, Private Co. I, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 15, 1863. Wounded July 20, 1864, Peach Tree Creek, Ga. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Shaver, William**, Private Co. D, 5th Reg't Inf't., July 15, 1863. Deserted Aug. 23, 1863.
- Smith, Henry**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Smith, John**, Private Co. I, 7th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 30, 1864. Mustered out July 20, 1865.
- Storms, Harvey**, Private Co. F, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 21, 1863. Mustered out June 19, 1865.
- Thompson, Benjamin**, Private Co. E, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 23, 1863. Deserted Feb. 22, 1864.
- Thompson, Sidney R.**, Private Co. C, 27th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 4, 1862. Died Dec. 30, 1862, of wounds received at Fredericksburg, Va.
- Weller, John L.**, Private Co. E, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died July 29, 1863, Port Hudson, La.
- Wiley, Joseph C.**, seaman U. S. Navy, Aug. 16, 1862. Discharged Aug. 31, 1863. Re-shipped Aug. 22, 1864, from New Milford. Discharged June 24, 1865.
- Wilson, Abram B.**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 2, 1862. Deserted Nov. 18, 1862.
- Wilson, William**, Private Co. G, 1st Reg't Heavy Artillery, Nov. 15, 1864. Deserted Dec. 2, 1864.
- Wixson, John**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Woods, Patrick**, Private 18th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 17, 1864. Forwarded Sept. 26, 1864. Not taken up on rolls.
- Wright, Samuel**, Private Co. F, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Youngs, John**, Private Co. K, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 15, 1863. Wounded June 22, 1864, Marietta, Ga. Discharged, disability, May 27, 1865.
- Residents of Bridgewater, since the war, who enlisted from other towns.*
- Evitts, Edwin A.**, Kent, Conn. Private Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Dec. 30, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran. Transferred to Co. E. Deserted Aug. 26, 1864.

CHAPTER XXIV.

BRIDGEWATER.—(CONTINUED.)



VALUABLE as are cranberries, but few places where they grow ever became noted in name through as many deeds as the one in Bridgewater. Cranberry Pond was a place to which frequent reference was made in surveying land in the northern part of Bridgewater. It is a meadow now about half a mile north of the Congregational meeting-house, the pond having entirely disappeared. Cranberries were found growing here, when the settlers first came, and hence the name. The village, called Bridgewater Centre, consists of about thirty-five dwelling houses, two church edifices, two stores, one tailor's shop, and the several buildings occupied, until a few years since, as the Sanford Hat Manufactory. The location is pleasant, but had it been established where the first Episcopal Church edifice stands it would have been very beautiful. About the year 1800, when the Baptist meeting-house was standing on the road a quarter of a mile south of Mr. Egbert B. Canfield's residence, the locality about that meeting-house was called the "City." "Hut Hill" was so named because a man by the name of Judson built a log hut on it and resided in it some years. On the road towards Brookfield, about a mile and a half from the Centre stood a carding machine, about forty years ago, or a little more.

The Deer Park, owned by Gideon Treat, was located just east of the Daniel Minor place, about three miles south of the Centre, and was continued some years. It contained 100 acres of land; was fenced with a rail fence, the rails being of unusual length, some of which are said to be still in existence. The park was built probably not far from the year 1780; and on one side there was a high rock, and on the edge of it no fence was built, so as

to allow the wild deer in the woods to jump into the park, but it was so high that they could not jump out. In this way Mr. Treat added to the number of his deer secured in the park.

In the Indian History published in connection with this book, reference is made to the tradition that the Indians stole a boy, and buried him all but his head, intending to hold a powwow and burn him as a sacrifice; the boy's name was ——— Sturdevant, a brother of the first John Sturdevant who settled in Bridgewater about 1767.

Rocky Mountain was not mentioned as one of the hills of Bridgewater; it is the rocky eminence lying west of the old burying-place on the south side of Clapboard Oak Brook, covered with woods.

Andrew Minor and *Peter Minor* of Woodbury, bought of Gideon Treat, in August 1779, for £875, a certain piece of land a little northward of Samuel Summers' dwelling-house, bounded north by John Wilkinson's land, and in 1785 and 1789, Andrew Minor, still in Woodbury, purchased other pieces of land adjoining the above mentioned land, and soon after settled on it, it being in the northeasterly part of Bridgewater. Andrew became and continued some years a leading man in the town.

Daniel Minor of Woodbury, bought of John Treat in March 1787, for £216, two pieces of land with a dwelling-house, the first piece "beginning at a heap of stones by the highway that leads from my dwelling-house to where Jesse Smith lately lived, near the south end of the Park, thence northerly by said highway and one piece north of the above, containing ninety-three acres "bounded east on Gideon Treat's land called the Deer Park north on James Jessup's land, and westward on John Clark's land."

Truman Minor, son of Daniel, settled on this land about 1790, and the farm is still owned by his son Daniel, who is now in his 87th year.

James Jessup, was residing on his farm spoken of in Minor's deed in 1786, but when, or how he first obtained land here is not revealed by deed.

Abtjah Treat, son of John, was born in 1761, and became an influential and prominent citizen. He was appointed justice of the peace before the year 1800, and was known for more than

thirty years thereafter as Squire Treat ; the old homestead being still known as the Abijah Treat place. He resided on his father's homestead, and died in 1837.

Nathan Collins, received from his father, Daniel Collins of Milford, one half of a right of land in New Milford in February 1730, and Nathan was living in Shepaug Neck in 1735, apparently in the neighborhood, south of the John Treat place, probably further south, but of this we are not certain. His father bought of Joseph Tibbals of Milford a right in 1716, and 100 acres was surveyed to him in Shepaug Neck as early as 1722.

Daniel Collins, son of Nathan, married Hannah Hotchkiss of New Milford and resided, probably on his father's homestead. He had a family of five children recorded in the town.

Japheth Collins, son of Daniel, married Abigail Bostwick in 1734, and resided in the Neck. His son Edward sold to David Beach his homestead across the road from Zerubbabel Canfield's house—now Mr. Egbert B. Canfield's. After this sale we find nothing more of this family in the town.

Amos Collins, son of Daniel, also settled in New Milford, probably in the Neck, and had five children, one of whom was Amos, who rang the bell in the Congregational meeting-house in New Milford village, and fell in the steeple and was killed.

Joseph Benedict, bought a whole right of land in New Milford of Joseph Ruggles, in 1733, and his dwelling-house was standing "in Shepaug Neck by the east branch of Waweco's Brook in 1735." He gave to his son, Jonathan Benedict, land near Cranberry swamp in 1751. He gave to his son Pitman Benedict, 16 acres of land eastward from Cranberry swamp.

Ephraim Hawley was living in the Neck, southern part, in 1734, when he gave to his son Nathan land in the Neck. The last birth recorded on the town records of any of these Hawley families in this part of the town was in 1762.

John Sturdevant of Danbury bought of Nathan Botsford for £55, 37 acres of land in Shepaug Neck, "at the head of Weewaukees Brook," May 20, 1767, and settled in the town soon after. He gave to his son John Sturdevant, a piece of land and one half of his shop, which land is said to have been near the "southeast corner of his milk-room." The shop was



Seymour Smith

that of a wheelwright, the maker and repairer of wheels and wheel-carriages.

Descendants of this family still reside in the town.

Mercantile Enterprises in Bridgewater.

Benjamin Mead came from Old Greenwich about the year 1800, and settled first on the farm by the river now owned by Mr. Henry Smith, where he kept a store some years, then he removed to the farm and home occupied until recently by his son, Peter Mead.

Hicks and Tyler, from New York State, kept a store, at which Bridgewater people traded, on Tyler Hill, not far from the New Milford Town Farm. At this store a man of Bridgewater purchased a calico dress, for which he gave 40 acres of land lying on Rocky Mountain in Bridgewater. Mr. Egbert B. Canfield now owns a part of that 40 acres.

Elijah Peck established a store on the old Jeremiah Platt place at the four corners south of the Old Burying-place, where Mr. William Platt now lives, and continued the store a year or two, then sold it to Platt Chamberlin who continued it two or three years.

David Burr and **Grandison R. Warner** commenced a store soon after Elijah Peck, at the same corners, and traded a number of years, then sold the same to the firm of Beers and Sherman, who continued it a number of years.

The spirit of rivalry between this Four Corners and the Centre was very strong for some years.

Jeremiah Platt kept a tavern here about the year 1820, or a little later, and the spring trainings were held here, and the fall trainings at the Centre. It was also the place of residence of Doct. Reuben Warner.

When Elijah Peck sold his store at the four corners, he removed to the Centre where the village now is, and built a dwelling-house and kept a store in it, where Mr. Horace Gillett now resides. Afterwards John Sanford and Lyman Smith kept the same store many years.

Lyman Smith, son of Eli Smith of Bridgewater, was born October 14, 1795, and died Feb. 8, 1873, aged 78 years. His father died when he was fourteen years of age. He received

his education at the common schools and the academy at Cheshire, Conn. ; after which he went to New Haven, and entered the wholesale grocery store of Elias Hotchkiss, where he remained four years. Returning to his native town, he married Susan, daughter of Peter Wooster, and purchased the house built by the Rev. Reuben Taylor, and entered into the business of farming. In 1825, he went into the mercantile business with John Sanford, where he continued some time, when he closed his interest in the above store and built a store building near his house, where it still stands, and traded in it many years.

He was a director of the First National Bank of New Milford for many years, continuing thus until his decease. He represented the town of New Milford in the State Legislature. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and society, having donated to the same a fine organ and in his will bequeathed to the society a liberal sum. He had two daughters; Betsey Ann Smith who married Smith R. Weeks; and Susan Adeline Smith, who married Charles H. Sanford.

Charles G. Sanford had a store building erected by his father Joel Sanford, and commenced a store, a little way south of the Elijah Peck house, where he continued to trade some years, and then sold the same to Glover Sanford, in 1845, who continued it until he removed his hat manufactory to Bridgeport. After this Mr. Minor kept this store a short time, then Henry Beardsley, who sold it to Edgar Peck and Austin Gillett. It is now owned by Austin Gillett, and Horace Gillett.

Addison Stone conducted a tannery and a shoe shop some years, north of the Congregational Meeting-house, where he did quite a large business. This was about 60 years ago. He sold it to David Jaques who continued it some years later.

Samuel Lockwood came from Greenwich about 1790, and commenced a store, on the road northwest of the Centre, where he continued to trade until a few years after 1800, when he removed to New Milford village and continued as a merchant.

Joel Sanford bought and continued the store of Samuel Lockwood in Bridgewater, from about 1808, for many years, and was well known, highly esteemed, and a great favorite of the young men and boys. He was a great mathematician; constructed an astronomical apparatus to illustrate that science, and

with it entertained the young people. He made it a custom to entertain the boys of whom he was very fond, with mathematical problems and principles, and surprising calculations, which made his store a school of learning for many years. He was a surveyor of lands and became familiar with the boundaries of nearly every farm in Bridgewater. A further account of him may be seen in the biographical sketch of his son, Judge D. C. Sanford.

Hat Manufactures.

Glover Sanford commenced making hats in Bridgewater, in 1823, by making a few hats a week for retail in the community, many of them being made to order of heavy wool, and some napped hats, afterwards he made wool hats exclusively. He continued the hat business, changing from one building to another, and after a time being established in the locality where the buildings now are, and then continued to enlarge the buildings—especially after his sons were engaged with him, until the buildings as they now appear were established. In 1870, the firm removed their business to Bridgeport, in order to secure larger and more advantageous facilities. At the time they began to arrange to remove they were employing about 125 hands in their shops, and were producing about \$300,000 worth of goods a year. Glover Sanford died May 30, 1878, at the age of eighty-one years.

Charles H. Sanford, one of the old firm, who still continues the hat business in Bridgeport, resides in Bridgewater Centre, giving his personal attention to the business at the manufactory several days of the week, but having a part of his time for comfort at home.

Homer B. Sanford, one of the old firm, resides in Bridgeport, and continues actively engaged in the business.

Frederick S. Sanford was with the firm when they removed to Bridgeport, but has since died.

Edwin G. Sanford resides in Bridgeport and remains an active partner with his brothers in the hat business; which business is now exclusively the manufacturing of wool hats.

Smith and *Erwin* carried on hat making in Bridgewater some years, commencing about 1834, and removed to New Milford village about 1855, and there continued the business where

the Noble Brothers are engaged in the button business on Railroad street.

Isaac Reynolds started a hat factory in Bridgewater about 1847, and afterward removed to Lanesville, in New Milford, where he continued the same business some years.

Joseph Sanford made hats a few years, beginning about 1830, but soon sold his interest in the business to Glover Sanford.

Lyman B. Stone carried on the hat business in Bridgewater some few years, beginning about 1840.

Francis Callahan followed Lyman B. Stone in the same business, beginning about 1850.

The Union Manufacturing Company organized in 1853, for the purpose of making hats. They had a capital stock of \$5,500, and the stockholders were: Peter Wooster, Henry B. Young, Robert J. Livingston, Arza C. Morris, Jerome S. Castle, Lorenzo Sanford, Cornelius W. Peck, Martin Mallory, Sherman Peck, Elijah S. Dunning, John Minor.

President, R. J. Livingston; Directors, R. J. Livingston, Peter Wooster, and Henry B. Young.

Mr. Smith R. Weeks has a tailor shop at Bridgewater Centre where he has been located about 38 years in the same business, only that at present he does a little work as occasion may require, for the accommodation of the community. For a time he kept ready-made clothing, but has discontinued that part of his trade.

Physicians in Bridgewater.

Doct. Benjamin Warner resided northeast of the Gideon Treat farm, on the line between Bridgewater and Roxbury. He was an "Indian Doctor," so called, and traveled a considerable in his practice. He is said to have been a brother to Col. Seth Warner of Revolutionary fame.

Doct. Reuben Warner, son of Doct. Benjamin Warner, lived a time on a part of the old homestead of his father, and built the house where the late Charles Erwin resided. He practiced as an Indian Doctor, and had a practice extending as far as Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was regarded as a man of ability and success.

Doct. Reuben Warner, Jr., son of the above, was a regularly educated physician, and settled where Mr. Marcus Mallett now resides, at the four corners, south of the old burying-place. He had a large practice, his methods in, or use of medicine being modified very much by his father's practice as an Indian Doctor.

Doct. Horace Judson married a daughter of Doct. Reuben Warner, and established himself as a physician at Bridgewater Centre, where he lived and practiced until his decease.

Henry H. Dubois, M.D., was a physician in Bridgewater a number of years.

Frederick E. King, M.D., practised medicine in Bridgewater from 1876 to 1881, when he removed to New Milford.

Further records of the families of Bridgewater may be seen in the genealogy of families in this book.

CHAPTER XXV.

NEW MILFORD VILLAGE.



THE village of New Milford has become the business centre not only for the town, but for several adjoining towns; and in some mercantile respects it has become the centre for the whole county, and as such it merits particular consideration as to the causes of its growth and prosperity.

In the spring of 1706, Zachariah Ferriss came to this place and ploughed a piece of land in the vicinity of the Town Hall,—probably just south of it, which was the first work done by a white man, north of the Great Falls, so far as has been ascertained. Sixty years before this, in 1644 or 5, Mr. Stephen Goodyear had built a trading house on Goodyear's Island at the Cove below Falls Mountain, where for some time he traded with the Indians, specially to obtain furs. Some work had been done at, or below Gallows Hill, by some settlers of Col. John Read, before Mr. Ferriss did his ploughing in 1706.

Henry Tomlinson and others had obtained by purchase, an Indian deed of land in this vicinity in 1671, as heretofore noticed, and Col. John Read purchased a claim, apparently all the claim under this deed, and by it supposed he held the right of the soil. Zachariah Ferriss was brother-in-law to Col. Read, and hence, probably, to try the title of his land, Mr. Ferriss came here and ploughed the land three years after the New Milford company had made their purchase of the Indians. Upon this the New Milford company began a suit in law against Mr. Ferriss for trespass, and Col. Read then a lawyer, defended Mr. Ferriss' claim or right, before the court at Hartford, and gained his case apparently, on Mr. Read's title.

In the autumn of 1707, the New Milford company laid out



their town plot on Aspetuck Hill, and then Col. John Read sued them for trespass, and this was the case which was tried and decided fifteen times in favor of Col. Read, but the sixteenth time it was decided against him and he gave up trying to hold the land.

Thus the work of civilization began in this place, and in making some definite record of the beginning and growth of the village, it is proposed to give some account of the occupancy by different individuals of the various portions of the place during the one hundred and seventy-six years since Mr. Ferriss first ploughed the soil here.

But a few months before the location of this plot, John Noble, sen., the first permanent settler, had located his house lot some distance south of the plot on the west side of the street, or road. Several of the first twelve settlers located further south than John Noble, sen., and hence it soon became common to call the settlement, all of what is now Main street and the green, the town plot.

The growth of the village was very slow, or rather there was no attention given to it as a village until after forty years, and then but little for forty years more. William Sherman's store in 1750, in a separate store-building, appears to have been the first of the kind in the village, and he died in 1756, and his store goods were sold and the building occupied by Roger Sherman as a shoe-shop. During the Revolution it served as a store-house for provisions for the army. It is also said that it was used as a manufactory to produce shoes for the army, through a contract secured to some of the citizens here, by the recommendation of Roger Sherman. But the shoemakers at that time, and for twenty years afterwards, were more numerous at the "North End," now Park Lane, than in the village. Soon after the war Elijah Boardman established his store on the west side of Main street, which was not kept in a separate store-building until some time after the year 1800. There was one or more taverns in the place from the commencement, and it was customary in those days to keep a little tea, indigo, and other imported articles in connection with a tavern.

Not until about 1800 did the village begin to become the centre of trade for the town, and did not then fully succeed until

about 1820. Capt. Eli Todd's store was at Park Lane until about 1822, and then continued a time after that by Mr. Daniel Marsh, who is still living. Lanesville had its store of considerable importance, long after 1812. Perry Smith began his business life as a store-keeper in Merryall about 1806, and continued there several years.

Elijah Boardman and Ithamar Canfield did more to make the trade-centre in the village, than any others before 1820. But even then, until the railroad was constructed, the village people differed but little from the farmers of corresponding classes throughout the town, in customs and manner of living, and the furnishings of their houses. Indeed, but few of the village people were anything but farmers until that time. The lawyers, physicians, store-keepers, and ministers were farmers. The grist-mills, the carding machines, blacksmith shops, plough manufactures, tanneries, and cooper shops, were scattered through the town, scarcely any of them being in the village. A part of Main street in the village was a swampy place with a brook running through it, which was dry, except soon after a shower, or in the spring, leaving a crooked water course, with here and there pools of mud in which the hogs were accustomed to cool themselves during the hot weather; and it was also a free public pasture for cattle and geese. Hog-troughs were placed in the street, and when those animals received their rations, a boy was stationed to watch them, and keep the neighboring pigs from sharing in the meal. The wagon tracks were on the east and west side of the street, with the water course between, and the two churches occupying the middle territory. Two or three crossings from one side to the other were kept in passing order, one of these being just north of the Congregational meeting-house. In 1833 and 4, this house was removed, and in 1837 and 8, the Episcopal house was also removed, and not many years after, a paved ditch or water course was constructed through the centre of what is now the green, and two or three bridges built over it.

It should be recorded, however, that the beginning of the high style of village pride was inaugurated considerably earlier than this, although it was not enforced very severely for many years, when the town voted, Dec. 14, 1801, "that every goose that shall be found or taken in any person's enclosure may

be retained and kept by the person sustaining the damage, until the owner pay to each person twelve and a half cents for every goose so taken and retained."

About 1838, the paved water course through the green was constructed, twelve feet wide, and the stones rising in an oval shape on the sides twelve or fourteen inches high, which was regarded as a great improvement, the people not dreaming of a covered sewer as it is at present arranged, and the surface converted into a green.

About the same time, Mr. Solomon E. Bostwick set the two first elm trees on the west side of the green in front of his present dwelling, east of the wagon track, and soon after others followed the example, and now the two rows of trees extend the whole length of the green, having grown to be from twelve to twenty inches in diameter.

But that which was to bring prosperity, improvements, and enterprise to the village of New Milford and the town, was the Housatonic Railroad. It cost much, but already the returns in money and property value have been fourfold. The developments of manufacturing enterprises which were expected to arise suddenly have not been realized, but still the way has been prepared, and a beginning made, and the immense water-power in the town will be brought into use, and a city built, and the magnificent Weantinock Valley will be lighted as a city, as the most grand amphitheatre of the State of Connecticut.

It is impossible as yet for the people to estimate the improving power of railroads throughout the country, but there have been and are some men who could, and do see this power, and while they may have made and do make themselves rich, they make the country richer, and although railroad men have used and may use this power as a monopoly, the final result will be immense wealth and improvement to the whole country.

To these general principles New Milford is not an exception, and although the building of manufacturing enterprises has not met the expectation, yet in other ways the town has received ample returns for all expenditures, and the other will come some day, possibly, as a flood of wealth and a great multitude of inhabitants.

In view of these things it is well to record here the various

efforts which have been made to bring this community into near commercial relations to the great mart of America,—New York City.

Navigation in the Housatonic River.

“May 1761. Upon the memorial of William Tanner, Benoni Peck, and others, representing that Ousatonic River (so called), running through the western part of this Colony from the line of the Massachusetts Colony down as far as Derby, may without great expense be so cleared and disencumbered of its present obstructions as to render it greatly advantageous for transportation &c., and beneficial especially to the western parts of this government, and praying liberty to such purpose to set up a lottery &c: Resolved by this Assembly, that Benjamin Hall Esqr. and Col. Joseph Wooster be and they are hereby appointed a committee to repair to the said river and the same carefully to view & examine, noticing the width, depth, gentleness or rapidity of its current in the several parts of it, incumbrances by trees, rocks, or ledges, or of what kind soever, during their progress therein carefully keeping an exact and circumstantial record of whatever they find worthy of notice therein, as particularly as may be, describing everything considerable as an hindrance to navigation or carriage up and down said stream, together with their opinion touching the practicableness of removing the same and the expense necessary to that purpose, and therefore to make return to this Assembly in their sessions at New Haven October next.”¹

The report was made the next October and liberty granted for a lottery to raise £300 to be used for clearing said river, and also £60 for defraying charges therefor, and John Williams, Esqr., of Sharon, Messrs. Cyrus Marsh of Kent, Charles Buel of Sherman, William Tanner and Benoni Peck of Cornwall, and Jehiel Hawley and John Hitchcock, Esqrs., of New Milford, or any five of them,” were appointed managers of the lottery, which committee were to receive the money and appropriate for clearing the river, and render their account to the Assembly.

The committee issued their tickets and many were sold, but in the midst of the progress William Tanner who had considera-

¹ Col. Rec., XI, 530.

ble of the funds in his hands died, and his estate became involved in the matter; Jehiel Hawley removed from New Milford, and the Assembly after some years appointed some of the members of the committee to proceed in law to settle the whole matter as best they could; no good whatever resulting from the enterprise.

The Housatonic Valley Canal.

On the 12th of March, 1822, a convention of delegates from different towns met at New Milford, and appointed a general committee to procure funds, and, by means of them, a survey of the Housatonic Valley, and an estimate of the expense of constructing a canal from tide-water to the State line in Canaan. The funds having been procured, the survey and estimates were made, and the result made known in the report of the Hon. Benjamin Wright. It was proposed also to extend the canal, at least as far as Stockbridge in Massachusetts, and the engineer was expected to report speedily on the distance from the State line to Pittsfield.

Upon this proposed canal the town of New Milford took the following action:

"April 8, 1822. Whereas it is represented to this meeting that a petition will be brought to the next General Assembly to incorporate a company for the purpose of establishing navigation by the Housatonic River by means of a canal near its banks, or by improving the bed of the river from the tide-water thereof as far north as the State line of Massachusetts; and whereas said operations are in part to be done within the limits of this town: Therefore, voted that this town approve of the object of said petition, and hereby consent that said canal may be laid through this town, and the contemplated operations upon said river be made; and that this town waive all objections to said petition on the ground that said petition shall not be regularly served on this town; and the representatives of this town in said Assembly are hereby instructed, by all proper means to forward the object of said petition; provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained is to be construed so as to subject this town to the expense of purchasing the land over which said canal may pass.

EZRA NOBLE, *Clerk, pro tempore.*"

Mr. Wright the engineer made his report to "Homer Boardman, Warren Mitchell, Thomas Vose, Nathaniel P. Perry, and John L. Tomlinson, Esquires; a committee appointed to obtain information on the subject of a proposed canal from tide-water at Derby, along the Housatonic river, to the north line of the State of Connecticut in the town of Canaan."

In the report the engineer after making a statement of the

favorable circumstances along the proposed line sums up the matter in the following form :

"In passing over the route, I took memorandas of the expense of constructing each mile, to include aqueducts, culverts, bridges, excavations, and embankments. Such estimation was, however, made according to the experience I have had on the Western Canal, in the State of New York. Applying this experience to the rapid view I have taken, I make the average expense per mile, exclusive of locks, at \$5,900. The estimated distance is 66 miles, which, at the average of \$5,900, will be \$389,400.

The ascent from tide-water to the north line of the State of Connecticut, is found to be about 612 feet. Deduct for declivity to be given the canal of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in each mile, say 8 feet ;—leaves for lockage 604 feet ;—which may be put into 60 locks at \$3,500 each, \$210,000. The expense of constructing the proposed canal \$599,400.

BENJ. WRIGHT."

SHEFFIELD, May 4, 1822.

In a pamphlet published by the Commissioners at the time, which with other papers were carefully preserved by the late Judge David S. Boardman, some statements of interest concerning this enterprise are found, which are also historical.

The pamphlet is entitled,

"Proposals for the Ousatonic Canal Company."

The first page contains the statement of the commissioners as to receiving subscriptions, as follows :

"Books for subscriptions to the stock of the Ousatonic Canal Company, to an amount not exceeding \$500,000, will be opened at the following times and places, viz. :—At Ensign's Tavern, at Canaan Falls, on the first day of July next, at 10 o'clock forenoon ; and on the 2d till 12 o'clock at noon ; at Miles' Tavern in Kent, on the 2d of July, from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M. : at Booth's Tavern in New Milford, on the 3d of July, from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M. : at Warner's Tavern in Southbury, on the 3d of July, from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M. : at Keeney's Tavern, at Derby Landing, on the 4th of July, from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Each of the Commissioners will in the mean time receive applications for stock, subject to the approbation of the board.

Each subscriber will be required to pay five per cent. on the amount by him subscribed, to the Treasurer of the Corporation, at its first meeting for organization.

In case of over subscriptions, a power is reserved to apportion the stock.

N. B. By the terms of the charter, each share is to consist of \$100, payable (except said 5 per cent.) from time to time, by order of the Directors of the company, and the company will be organized on notice from the commissioners.

ORANGE MERWIN,	}	<i>Commissioners.</i>
TIMOTHY SHEPARD,		
OLIVER BURNHAM,		
JOHN L. TOMLINSON,		
MARTIN STRONG,		

NEW MILFORD, June 7, 1822."

The Commissioners in their statement "To the Public" present some valuable information of the Housatonic River and Valley as well as of this enterprise.

"The proposed route is along the valley of the river, about equi-distant from the Connecticut and Hudson rivers, and its termination at tide water, about 90 miles distant from New York on the south, and at Massachusetts line on the north,—whence an incorporation in that State will extend it at least to Stockbridge, between thirty and forty miles from Albany. In May last, this route, in both States, was examined by Hon. Benjamin Wright, civil Engineer of the State of New York.

"The river, especially in Connecticut, has worn a deep bed between mountains not very distant, and in a few places hardly leaving the necessary room for a canal and road, and varying in height from 100 to 300 feet. At the principal falls in Kent, and Canaan, and New Milford where a fall once of 140 feet is now reduced to 17, it has evidently sought a passage to the south [by Danbury] in vain. In all other places the high mountains approach the banks in nearly a continued chain, almost to the river's edge.

"The articles which may be expected to pass on the Ousatonic canal are the following, viz.: white lime and marble, wrought and cast iron, iron ore, gray stone for building and flagging,

brick, porcelain clay, oak and other kinds of timber for ship building and other purposes, plank, boards, staves, bark, posts and rails, pine lumber, wood, wheat, rye, flour, corn, oats, potatoes, cider, hay, beef, pork, butter, cheese; and in return for these, plaster, salt, molasses, and all the various articles of merchandise, which are necessary to supply the wants of a numerous population.

"Quarries of stone, capable of making good white lime, exist in every town above tide water, on the margin of the river. The best marble yet discovered, is found in the towns of Stockbridge, Canaan, and Washington. From the first was procured the material for building the City Hall in New York, and in the second 23 saw-mills, within a distance of about three miles, are employed in the preparation of marble for use."

In this manner the address of the commissioners continues, enumerating the advantages of the proposed canal, until it covers twelve octavo pages drawn from all sources of information on the subject. These statements were "signed by order of the Board of Commissioners, by Orange Merwin, chairman, who was in his day one of the most intelligent and enterprising citizens of New Milford; and this address, which was doubtless, largely, the product of his own pen with the civil engineer's, indicates remarkable ability for such work.

In the report by a committee of the legislature of this State, contained in the pamphlet referred to, they say, "The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lemman Stone and others, respectfully report." Lemman Stone of Derby, from 1790 to 1820, was one of the most enterprising, energetic, public-spirited men in the State of Connecticut. As such, and as a merchant and trader with foreign and domestic parts he had no superiors, and but few equals. But, as often occurs, in a business career of thirty years, the very enterprise of such men culminates in their own financial overthrow, and the enriching of the community at large. Had Lemman Stone taken no stock in public improvements, he might have died an unusually wealthy man for his times, but as it was he suffered great loss. So also with John L. Tomlinson one of the Commissioners of this Housatonic Canal Company; but such men are benefactors to their race.

The report of the legislative committee, which was very favorable to the proposition of an "Ousatonic Canal" was made by Frederick Wolcott, then of Litchfield, as chairman, who was one of the foremost men in the State, at that time, in the enterprise of manufacturing woolen cloths; he having but one superior and forerunner in New England, and that was Col. David Humphrey, of Humphreysville, on the Naugatuck river. Col. Humphrey, (a Revolutionary Soldier,) commenced the manufacture of woolen "broad cloths" at Humphreysville in 1803, and Frederick Wolcott began work in the same enterprise in Wolcottville, Ct., in 1813, assisted in capital by his brother Gov. Oliver Wolcott.

The Saugatuck and New Milford Canal.

Although the Housatonic Canal failed to be constructed, the spirit of enterprise along the river did not cease. Had it not been that a number of the leading citizens of New Milford, young and older, became greatly interested and employed, about that time, in the settlement of "Western Lands" or land in Ohio, the result as to improvements on the Housatonic might have been much more to the advantage of the country than they were, but, merchants and farmers were inquiring constantly for an outlet for the products of the land and of skilled labor, as unwilling ever to yield the advantages which might in such a manner be secured, therefore in 1827, another plan for a canal was projected and eagerly entertained with hope, but not with much assurance. This was called the Saugatuck and New Milford Canal, and a careful survey and estimates of costs upon various sections from Long Island Sound at the mouth of the Saugatuck river in the town of Westport to New Milford, were made and printed in pamphlet form by Alfred Cruger, engineer, for the committee. The estimates as to two divisions, mostly within the territory of New Milford, are of interest.

"Subdivision No. II, N. S.' This subdivision extends from Meeker's Mill to the Hoosatonic River at the Great Falls; this portion of the canal will be located principally on side hill; there will be some points of rock to cut through,—the soil is easily removed. There will be four culverts necessary; distance five

¹N. S., i. e., North Section.

miles, 6 chains; descent fifty feet. The estimate for this division is \$10,741.12.

"Subdivision No. III, N. S., includes that portion of the canal from the Housatonic at the Great Falls to the village of New Milford. The course of the canal is nearly parallel to that of the river. The side of the mountain on which it must necessarily be located, is at first very favorable, when the side hill becomes more steep and broken by occasional gullies or ravines, there we arrive at a projection of rock, the strata sometimes at right angles to the face of the mountain, sometimes parallel to it for a distance of nine chains. The rock is easily quarried, and will be useful for building purposes when removed. The canal can be constructed from this place to New Milford at a small expense compared with its length. The passage over the Housatonic must be effected by a stone aqueduct of one arch of one hundred feet span. Materials for constructing it can be obtained in the neighborhood of the Falls. The magnitude of the work, however, will render it costly. The crown of the arch will be ninety feet above the bed of the river. Distance two miles, twenty-one chains. Descent none. The estimate of this subdivision will be

Aqueduct across the river,	\$35,000.00
Canal,	5,648.20
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	\$40,648.20"

By this survey it appears that the bed of the canal ninety feet above the river at the falls, would come to the bed of the river a little above the mouth of the Aspetuck river where it was proposed, apparently, to begin the navigation of the Housatonic northward. The engineer estimated also on the idea of coming down Still river on the west side of that river and then up the Housatonic without crossing it, which would avoid the building of the high aqueduct at the falls, but in that case several locks would be required; one or two on Still river grade and several from the falls to the mouth of the Aspetuck River in order to rise the ninety feet ascent in that distance.

After this company had obtained their charter, the question of a railroad in the same location instead of a canal began to be discussed, and when they issued their circulars for subscriptions to the stock, they were so worded that a railroad might be built

with the money, provided the legislature would grant a charter for the railroad. This was the beginning of the talk about a railroad in the Housatonic valley.

The Housatonic Railroad.

"At a Convention of delegates representing the towns on and near the contemplated route for a Railroad from Danbury in Connecticut, through and along the valley of the Housatonic, to Stockbridge in Massachusetts, holden at Kent, in the county of Litchfield, on the 23d day of December 1835, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it is expedient that a route for a railway from West Stockbridge to Danbury, along the Housatonic Valley, be surveyed at the earliest convenient period, by an experienced engineer, and the expense of constructing the same be estimated.

Resolved, That Aaron Seeley, Peter Bierce, and Jay Shears, be a committee to employ an engineer to survey said route, to superintend his operations while engaged in the discharge of that duty, and to cause his report to be published, when said survey shall have been completed.

SAMUEL CHURCH, *President.*

JOHN M. HOLLY,
ZERAH S. A. PECK, } *Vice-Presidents.*
SAMUEL ROSSITER,

EDWARD F. ENSIGN,
WILLIAM C. STERLING, } *Secretaries."*
ELI T. HOYT,

The above committee accepted their appointment, employed E. H. Brodhead to make the survey and estimates, and published a report in a pamphlet of forty pages, from which some extracts are made, as showing the judgment of these men at that time concerning such an enterprise. This survey was made from Danbury to Great Barrington.

The committee in their report say :

"One design of the projectors of this road is to connect the two great cities of New York and Albany; and in doing so to select the best possible route. Viewing in connection the manufacturers and productions of the country, and the water power that is now unused, it will be readily seen that the further the

route is from the Hudson river, the more favorable will be the result to the capitalists who shall embark in the enterprise. The committee believe, that the time has now arrived when all men of information agree that there must and will be a railroad connecting those two cities, and the only question is which is the best route. Upon this subject, we think that the extensive lime manufacturers of Canaan, the several iron establishments at Canaan Falls, at Cornwall, at Kent, the granite quarries at New Milford, and the water-power that is now unoccupied at Canaan Falls, at Bull's Falls in Kent, at the Great Falls in New Milford, and also upon the Still river in New Milford, Brookfield and Danbury, (either of which are sufficient to do the business of Lowell or Patterson,) and the present low price of real estate at and adjacent to this power, when taken into consideration there can be no doubt, that this route will possess decided advantages over any other."

"Our Charter, which is hereto annexed, it will be seen gives to the Company the right to construct a road to Bridgeport, to New York State line in the town of Ridgefield, or to the Fairfield County Railroad."

The engineer, Edward H. Brodhead, made the survey, probably, in the winter of 1835-6; made his report to the committee, Aaron Seeley, Peter Bierce, and Jay Shears, estimating that the road constructed from "the east line of the State of New York in Ridgefield, to West Stockbridge in Massachusetts," would cost \$1,247,509.68. Several routes and branch-roads were surveyed and the matter pretty thoroughly reported, and application was made, and the legislature of Connecticut granted a charter in May, 1836, which allowed the Company to commence at the north line of the State of Connecticut, and make a road in the valley of the Housatonic to Danbury, or Bridgeport or to the line of the State of New York in Ridgefield. This charter appointed Joseph Wood, Joel Thorp, Asa Pickett, Walter Booth, George Wheaton, Samuel S. Robbins, Seth P. Beers, Russell Hoyt, and Aaron Seeley, or a majority of them to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company; and Samuel Beardslee, William M. Burwell, and Daniel B. Brinsmade commissioners for the road.

In a report of the board of directors of the Housatonic railroad company, made October 31, 1838, they say :

"No active measures were taken in reference to obtaining subscriptions to the stock of the company until the winter succeeding the passage of the act of incorporation. During the latter part of that winter a careful survey of the whole route was made, together with estimates of the expense of constructing the road, by R. B. Mason, Esqr., the present engineer of the company; and the whole expense of constructing the road on the plan finally adopted by the board of directors, was by him estimated at about \$1,040,000; or a little more than \$14,200 per mile, the whole distance from Bridgeport to Massachusetts line being seventy-three miles. Upon this report a proposition was made to the commissioners to build the road as surveyed for the sum of \$936,000. Then the books were opened for subscriptions to the stock of the company, and the city of Bridgeport in its corporate capacity subscribed \$100,000, and in a short time the individual subscriptions in the vicinity of Bridgeport amounted to \$200,000 more, which, with the subscriptions of the contractors, Alfred Bishop and associates, made \$600,000. When this was done the subscribers were called together and the company was organized April 5, 1837; and soon after a contract was entered into with Messrs. Bishop and Sykes to build the road."

The officers and first board of directors were :

WILLIAM P. BURRALL, *President.*

WILLIAM H. NOBLE, *Secretary.*

JESSE STERLING, *Treasurer.*

Directors.

WILLIAM P. BURRALL,	}	Bridgeport.
EDWIN PORTER,		
SAMUEL SIMONS,		
STEPHEN LOUNSBURY,		
CHARLES DEFOREST,		

ANAN HINE,	}	New Milford.
ASA PICKETT,		

ALPHEUS FULLER, Kent.

PETER BIERCE, Cornwall.

In this first report (October, 1838) the board of directors say further :

"It is probably known to most of the stockholders and the community generally, that a company was incorporated some two years since, by the legislature of Massachusetts, called the 'Berkshire Railroad Corporation,' with power to construct a railroad from the south line of that State at Sheffield, in the valley of the Housatonic, northerly to the village of West Stockbridge; at which place it will intersect with the 'Western Railroad' leading from Boston to the west line of that State at West Stockbridge, which is now in course of construction; also with the Hudson and Berkshire railroad, leading from West Stockbridge to Hudson, now completed and in operation; and also with the Albany and West Stockbridge railroad, for the construction of which a company is incorporated and organized."

The Berkshire Railroad Company had been regularly organized, and an arrangement had been entered into between that company and the Housatonic Railroad Company, arranging for a connection of the roads on the line between the states, securing a continuous line from Bridgeport to West Stockbridge.

At this time the Hartford and New Haven railroad was under process of construction and its early completion was expected, and hence the board of directors of the Housatonic road began to consider the proposition of connecting their road with New York by a road along the shore of the Long Island Sound. Under these circumstances great animation possessed the minds of the people as to the great advantages and prosperity likely to result upon its completion; and hence for a time money seemed to be abundant, and this company sent their surveyors to locate the road from Bridgeport to the Harlem road then being built in Westchester county, N. Y.

On the 20th of May, 1837, the survey and location of the road from Bridgeport to New Milford was commenced by Robert B. Mason, chief engineer, and soon after work commenced on several of the thirty-five sections into which this distance of thirty-five miles was divided.

In January of 1837 or '38 the road was surveyed from New Milford north to the state line, Robert B. Mason, engineer, assisted by Joel Thorp and ——— Ogleby; having George Booth and Clark Hine of New Milford as chain-men, and one or two axe-men and stake-drivers. Anan Hine and Asa Pickett,

directors of the road, were, one or both of them, with the party until they reached the state line. The weather was extremely cold and the snow two feet deep, with heavy drifts in many places. The first night the party stopped with Cornelius B. Baldwin, near Boardman's Bridge; the next two nights at Sylvanus Merwin's, near Gaylord's Bridge, and thus on to the end. The farmers were generally favorable to the road, but some objected. One man in Cornwall refused to allow the party to cross his land; but he had not counted the strength of his assailants. Anan Hine was a good talker and enthusiastic in this enterprise, and before he and Asa Pickett and the engineers gave up, Mr. Pangman surrendered and brought out the mince-pies, dough-nuts, ginger and cider in abundance. On the return of the party from the state line, they took up the survey from New Milford towards Bridgeport and met another party from Bridgeport at Brookfield.

Soon after—in the Spring—Mr. Ogleby surveyed a route from New Milford to Litchfield, laying it along Great Brook and through on the west side and also on the east side of Mount Tom in Litchfield.

The Housatonic Railroad was opened by an excursion train from Bridgeport to New Milford February 11, 1840. The people came from all parts of the country and waited until late in the afternoon, on a cold winter's day, and some went home before the train came; but finally it made its appearance to the great pleasure of the interested multitude. In the expression of the appreciation of the event, the church bells were rung with much earnestness, and the old cannon, located on the rocks then south of the village houses, poured forth its thunder of welcome to the screaming railroad-steam-engine-whistle.

Annual Report for September, 1881.

In the annual report of the Directors of the Housatonic Railroad Company for 1881, the officers and amount of receipts are given as follows:

Directors.

WILLIAM H. BARNUM, Lime Rock, Conn.

SAMUEL WILLETS, New York.

GEORGE W. PEET, Falls Village, Conn.

EDWARD LEAVITT, New York.

ANDREW B. MYGATT, New Milford, Conn.

HORACE NICHOLS, Bridgeport, Conn.

WILLIAM D. BISHOP, Bridgeport, Conn.

DAVID S. DRAPER, New York.

JOHN B. PECK, New York.

WILLIAM H. BARNUM, *President*.

DAVID S. DRAPER, *Vice-President*.

CHARLES K. AVERILL, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

L. B. STILLSON, *Superintendent*.

The amount of receipts for the year were \$754,513.10. The net gain, after deducting all expenses, was \$127,015.00. The quarterly dividends paid amounted to \$94,400 for the year.

New Milford Station Agents.

Daniel Marsh became the Agent at New Milford upon the opening of the road in 1840; and he and his son, Thompson T. Marsh, following him, continued in this office thirty-five or six years.

R. B. Cogswell was agent here after Thompson T. Marsh two or three years.

Theodore F. Watson was appointed to this position in 1880, which he now holds.

William H. White is Clerk in the station.

John Riley is baggage-master. He began work at this station in 1841, 41 years ago, and he is as energetic, accommodating, and good-natured as President Barnum himself.

More about the Bridges of the Town.

The bridges in the town of New Milford have cost a great sum of money from 1737, when the first bridge was built over the Housatonic river. For one hundred years the yearly care and expense has been no small item of work or money. Soon after the Revolution, if not before, a bridge was built across the Housatonic at the Great Falls, which has been maintained since that time. Not long after, or nearly the same time, a bridge was built across this river at the Little Falls, and was maintained some years and then discontinued.

The town voted, March 13, 1780, that a committee consisting

of Caleb Bennitt, George Smith, and Amos Northrop, should "view the circumstances of the bridge in building across Still River near Capt. Ruggles' Iron Works and make report of their opinion," and if they judged best the bridge was to be removed to a better location. This was at the time Capt. Lazarus Ruggles built his Iron Works, or just after.

In 1782, the town voted to send a petition to the Assembly for the privilege of a toll-bridge across the Housatonic at the centre of the town; and it seems to have been granted.

"Dec. 10, 1787, Voted that the Great-falls Bridge which is now built and completed, be supported with plank, and repaired from time to time as occasion may require, under the inspection of the selectmen, at the town expense."

This was probably the first bridge across the Housatonic at that place, and was undoubtedly a toll-bridge.

On the 20th of September, 1802, a special town-meeting passed the following:

"After taking into consideration the unfortunate situation of this town upon the loss of the New Bridge across the Great River in the centre of the town, and the failure of the other bridges: in consequence of which a suit at law is brought against the town by the carriers of the Mail:—

"Voted that a boat sufficient for carrying loaded carts and teams across the river in the centre of the town be built or procured at the town expense, together with the ferry rope, as speedily as possible: and that the tender of said boat be employed at the town expense, who shall take and receive of each and every passenger crossing said ferry a suitable toll or fare (excepting those who are passing to and from public worship and public meetings required by law) and pay the same to the town treasurer at the close of each quarter of a year.

"Voted that Mr. Homer Boardman be, and he is hereby appointed, directed and impowered on the part of the town and at the town expense to proceed and build said boat and procure said rope, and fit the same for use with all possible speed.

"Voted that a committee be appointed to superintend the boat after it is completed, and to employ a ferryman, and that Messrs. Elijah Boardman, Clark Blackney, and Daniel A. Ferriss be that committee.

"Voted that Philo Ruggles, Esqr., be, and he is hereby appointed agent and attorney to answer and defend in the complaint and suit brought to the County Court by Edward Ely and E. B. White against the town of New Milford for the repairs of bridges and highways on the stage road in said New Milford."

This September freshet of 1802, seems to have been a very calamitous affair both to bridges and roads. At this same time a vote was passed to take from the town treasury twelve dollars, to repair the road "from the meeting house in the Town plat northward to the Friend meeting house;" and in the first vote "the failure of the other bridges," is mentioned, and these from Brookfield bounds on the stage route to the town of Washington were quite numerous.

At the next annual meeting in the next December a vote was passed authorizing Joseph Ruggles and his associates, to apply to the Assembly for liberty to establish a toll bridge at the Little Falls; and another authorizing Richard Ludlow and his associates to seek for liberty of the same body to build a toll bridge across the Housatonic River at the Great Falls; and another to regulate a regular ferry at the centre of the town, and regular, legal toll.

By a vote passed on the 25th of April next (1803), a company had commenced building a bridge at the centre and were recommended to the Assembly to allow it to be a toll bridge, which seems to have been granted.

At this time, (1803,) as if weary of building bridges and roads the town voted to oppose the petition of Samuel Frisbie, Edmund Richmond and others, which was probably for a turnpike, for immediately they voted a committee to consult with committees of other towns in the State, and to "petition the General Assembly to put a stop to the further granting turnpike roads."

In the annual meeting for 1804, the "new bridge across the Great River at the Straits" is mentioned, and the year previous "the several bridges at the Straits across Strait's Brook, so called" are spoken of. There may have been a bridge across the Great River at the Straits before the "New" one mentioned above, but no account of any has been seen. In 1806, "plank for Gaylord's bridge across the Great River" are proposed in

town meeting, but whether the bridge had been, then, recently established at that place instead of at the Straits is unknown.

In the summer of 1801, a bridge was built at the "Iron Works" called also at that time Wanzer's Iron Works, now Lanesville, and the amount of work on this bridge as represented by papers containing an account of the same, still preserved, is somewhat surprising. The town purchased the material, but the work seems to have been done largely by days' work, the same as work on the highway; that is, men, worked on the bridge instead of working on the highways, by vote of the town, but that which surprises more is that in 1807, six years later, this same bridge had to be rebuilt, although yet standing.

Notwithstanding the petitions to the General Assembly to put a stop to making turnpikes, the spirit of enterprise in that direction continued to rise, and in 1806 and 1807 the town was kept busy fighting against these proposed roads. In May a town meeting was held and a vote passed against the construction of a turnpike from New Milford to Roxbury, and thence to Southbury, and Abel Merwin was appointed special agent to oppose the petition to grant the road, but the opposition failed and after a time the turnpike was in running order.

The next September the town was called together to oppose a "road from Hawley's bridge, leading through Bridgewater Society in this town to where it would intersect a road prayed for in said petition from Roxbury meeting house to Washington and thence to Litchfield Court House," and David S. Boardman was appointed agent and attorney "to make all proper opposition thereto in all stages of its progress." This road was proposed by John Sturdevant and others.

In 1810, the town held three special meetings to oppose turnpikes and to appoint special agents to continue the opposition.

In 1807, while they were fighting two roads by special agents, New Preston Society petitioned to be made a town and therefore special agents,—Abel Merwin and Beebe Hine—were appointed to oppose the petition in the Assembly, and this they continued to do for more than twenty years, at intervals of a few years at a time, for in 1828 we find the following record: "Upon the petition of Joel Bostwick and others, inhabitants of the School Society of New Preston which is composed of a part

of said town of New Milford, a part of the town of Kent and a part of the town of Washington, in Litchfield county, to the General Assembly, praying said Assembly to constitute said society a separate town by the name of New Preston: Voted that the town of New Milford will oppose the dismemberment of said town for the purpose of forming said newly proposed town."

It would seem, to a disinterested party, that after a people had petitioned twenty-one years, and thereby obtained their majority, they should have been allowed to set up for themselves, but they were not; for the New Preston people still form a part of that town, possessing, or called by, that sublime name, in itself, but when the name of a town, that most vexatious bother, Washington. There should be but one locality bearing the name "Washington" in the United States.

And what more? Even this. In this same year (1807) a man (supposed to be such, probably not a giant) proposed "to raise the bottom" of the Housatonic River, and they had to oppose that, for the shad might not be able to climb up the raised bottom, as may be seen by the following:

"Voted that, whereas Isaac Hawley has a petition pending before the General Assembly to be held at Hartford on the 2d Thursday of May instant praying for liberty to raise the bottom of the river (so worded in the petition) across the Ousatonic, it is the opinion of this meeting that any obstruction laid across said river as proposed would greatly impede if not totally put a stop to the passage of fish, especially of shad, up said river, and also injure the navigation of said river."

In 1817 a turnpike was proposed, which was afterwards constructed:

"Voted that this town will not oppose the laying out of a turnpike road provided it be from a station at or near the meeting house in the centre of this town westerly towards a turnpike road now making in the State of New York from a place called Cold Spring Landing on ye North River, to and through the town of Patterson, that is in case a committee for that purpose should be appointed.

The reason for objecting to turnpikes was the expense to the town in paying for the lands on which to construct the new

road, and also if any important bridges were to be made the town was required to aid largely in building them.

New Milford opposed many of the projects for turnpikes, and favored some, and in 1831, there was one from the village, to Sherman, one from the same to Roxbury, one had continued a time, from Falls Mountain to Southbury, but had been given up some years, and one from the Friend meeting house to Litchfield, but when in this same year one was proposed from New Milford to the village of Saugatuck, the whole town said yes. This was a point that looked like business success.

In 1832, it became necessary to rebuild the bridge at Gaylordsville, and the town passed the following rather conservative resolution :

“Voted as the opinion of this meeting that it is not expedient to build free bridges across the Housatonic River, as it affords a facility in crossing, to travelers residing out of the town, which is seldom if ever reciprocated to the citizens of this town when they go abroad.”

Some of the Earliest Highways laid out.

As already stated, Main street, Bridge street, Elm street, and Bennitt street, were laid out in January, 1714.

The highway from the south end of Main street to the Great Falls, on the east side of the river, was laid out in 1719, “to be 30 rods wide where it can be allowed.”

In 1715, a highway was laid from the lower end of the Indian Field to Danbury, passing at what is now called the four corners at Lanesville.

In 1718, a highway was laid from Danbury road across the plain to the mill at what is now Lanesville, said to run southward.

In 1718, a highway was laid from what is now Park Lane, eastward ; and from it in 1722 northward to Chestnut Land.

In 1718, a highway was laid from Town Bridge across the Indian Field, up the hill.

In January, 1722, the highway was laid on the west side of the Great River, beginning at Rocky River, “by marked trees to a Brook called Whemeseck,” at Gaylordsville, where William Gaylord settled, two or three years later.

In 1726, a highway was laid from Little Mount Tom, north of Nathan Gaylord's to the Notch on Long Mountain.

In 1726, a highway was laid down Town Hill Brook, west side, to the Cove, and down the river to Hitchcock's farm and barn, some of the way on the river, 30 rods wide.

In 1728, a highway was laid from the Great Falls, east side of the river, to the mouth of Town Hill Brook.

In 1728, a highway was laid "from the Fishing Place down the river to the first brook, on the west side, then up the brook and up the hill, ten rods wide.

In 1722, a highway was laid "beginning at the south end of Mount Tom, near Wolf-pit, then northward to the upper end of the plain, after crossing Deep Brook, and East Aspetuck, then by west side of said river to our north bounds." The "north bounds" were then a little way north of the present Episcopal Church in Marbledale.

"In January, 1751, Amos Northrop, Samuel Canfield, and Paul Welch, were chosen a committee to proceed in opening a highway down to Derby by the Great River."

CHAPTER XXVI.

NEW MILFORD VILLAGE.—CONTINUED.



WHATEVER the enterprise and prosperity of a community, it is found that in the United States, the comparative standing of a locality may be known by the support of, and interest taken in the Churches and Public Schools; and the historical and ancestral respect is exhibited by the appearance of the Cemeteries.

In New Milford the Church edifices have always been first class, when compared with the other buildings in the town. As far as has been learned, the first framed house in the town was the dwelling of the minister, the Rev. Daniel Boardman, and the second was the first meeting-house that was built in the town.

The Church organizations, in their memberships, and the labor and cost of conducting their activities, have always held the first place in the minds of the people, and the schools have been second only to the Churches.

For these reasons so large a space has been given in this book to these institutions, and a further brief record is added.

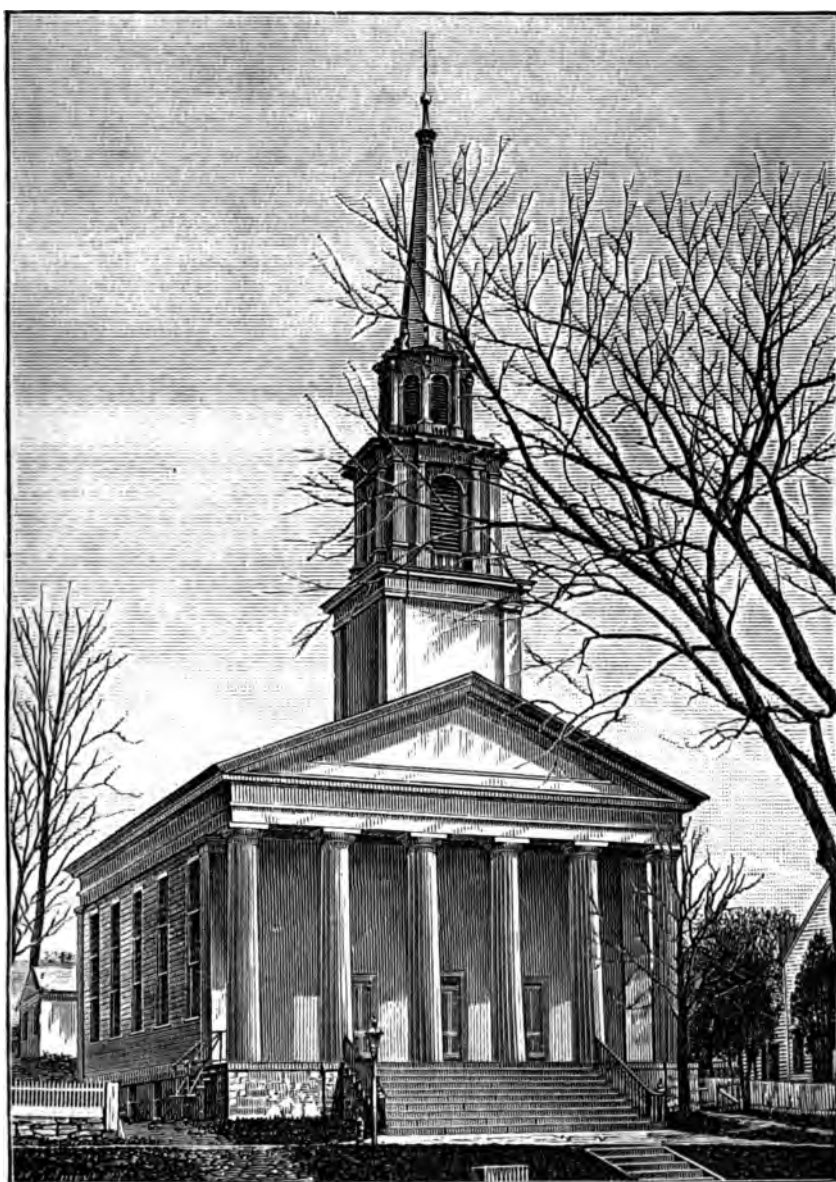
Further Notice of the Congregational Church and Society.

The record heretofore given in these pages continued, and made some reference to Mr. Elliot's labors here.

Rev. Andrew Elliot, son of Rev. Andrew Elliot of Fairfield, was ordained pastor of this Church and Society Feb. 24, 1808, and labored here successfully until his death, May 9, 1829. He rearranged the church records, the first work of the kind that had been done here, and entered upon and continued a thorough work of organization and pastoral labor. He found according to his record when corrected 73 members in full standing in the

church, and all the half-way covenant members were dropped without ceremony, and he adopted the system of doctrines and church government, called New Light in 1750, but now become popular and prevailing through Dr. Bellamy and other of his associates. This made it unnecessary for the Separates' Church to continue longer, and through the advice of their minister, the Rev. Daniel Hine, they disbanded about 1812, and some of the members united with Mr. Elliot's Church.

Bridgewater had become a separate society, and Mr. Elliot devoted more time than had been done before, to the people at Gaylord's Bridge, holding week day services there, and the result was that a large attendance was secured from that place to the Sunday services in New Milford. During the time of many years, the regular Sunday delegation from that community was a very noticeable proportion of Mr. Elliot's congregation. Having a large parish in territory and in numbers, his labors were very constant, and he must have had a strong physical constitution to continue as long as he did. He seems to have labored with two objects particularly in view; one to do the work of a faithful minister in preaching and in pastoral duties, and next to organize a working and an exemplary church, and in both he was eminently successful, although he had some weighty influences against him. When the church dropped all the half-way covenant members, it lost for the time being a large influence in the community. At the same time the Democratic party with its protests against Church and State government in Connecticut, was on the ascending scale and culminated in a majority vote in 1817, and the revision of the State Constitution in 1818. During this period Elijah Boardman, who stood the fifteenth in wealth in the Congregational Society in 1809, and the second in 1821, began to take an active part in politics, and after a time fully identified himself with the Democratic party. He did not withdraw from the support of the Congregational Church, for his name stands second on the list in 1821, but he gave his personal influence and enlarged benevolent contributions to the Episcopal Church. He and Orange Merwin were the two most influential men in the town, through political party associations, and uprightness of character, for about ten years



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Erected in 1833.

from 1812, and it was Mr. Boardman's influence, largely, that made the Episcopal Church self-sustaining at that time.

During Mr. Elliot's ministry of twenty years he admitted to the church 339 persons, or 17 per year. Mr. Rood in his pastorate of five years admitted 153, or 30 per year; Mr. E. W. Andrews supplied the pulpit a little over one year and admitted 63.

Rev. Heman Rood was pastor here from 1830 to 1835, during which time, in 1833, the present Congregational meeting-house was built, and the old one removed from the green.

Rev. Noah Porter was ordained here April 27, 1836, and resigned Dec. 31, 1842. He admitted 119 persons to the church, and general prosperity continued in the congregation. The parish was large, and he desired a smaller field, and went to a new Church in Springfield, Mass.

Rev. John Greenwood came from England and was installed here April 24, 1844, after supplying the pulpit one year, and resigned May 19, 1849.

Rev. David Murdoch from Scotland was ordained pastor here Sept. 18, 1850, and remained until Sept. 28, 1869, when he resigned and settled in New Haven. He served here during the late war and maintained the cause of the Union with great ability.

Rev. James B. Bonar was installed pastor of this church June 30, 1870, and still continues efficient and successful in this pastorate.

A chapel was built by individuals with permission of the society in 1838-9.

The meeting-houses were not heated until about 1824, when two box-stoves were put into the one then standing on the green. In November, 1833, the society voted to obtain "two of Dr. Nott's stoves and one ton of anthracite coal for the winter." Furnaces were put into the present edifice in 1860, when the house was improved at a cost of \$5,225, and land for the convenience of horse-sheds procured.

The organ was obtained in 1860 at a cost of \$1,200.

A parsonage was bought in August, 1870, at a cost of \$6,000.

The clock which hung in the steeple of the second meeting-house was purchased and placed there about 1780.

The Sunday-school in this church was commenced in 1812 or 14 by Rev. Mr. Elliot, who for some time was the only teacher. The present membership of this school is 312. The infant class meeting in the chapel was begun by its present teacher, Miss Isabella Wilson in 1872.

The Benevolent Library of the congregation originated in the gifts of Dea. D. W. McMahon, Col. Samuel Canfield, and Philo N. Heacock, Esq., and consists of about 600 volumes of standard works, kept in an appropriate case in the audience room of the meeting house.

The record of the benevolent contributions of this Church and Society, with other statistical items and interesting details, are contained in the Rev. Mr. Bonar's centennial sermon, published in 1876, and from which much of the above record is taken.

The following is a list of the Deacons of this Church from its commencement, and the date of their election to this office:

Samuel Brownson,	1716	Dobson W. McMahon,	1809
James Prime,	1725	John Beecher,	1822
John Bostwick,	1733	Nicanor Stilson,	1823
Job Terrill,	1738	George W. Whittlesey,	1831
Samuel Canfield,	1742	Gerardus Roberts,	1831
Bushnell Bostwick,	1751	Seymour B. Green,	1839
Roger Sherman,	1755	William Hine,	1853
Benjamin Gaylord,	1761	John J. Conklin,	1859
Sherman Boardman,	1779	Ithiel S. Green,	1859
Elizur Warner,	1792	Henry Ives,	1879
Joseph Merwin,	1808		

The Church membership at present, on a carefully revised record, numbers 336; and the Sunday-school numbers 312. There are 234 families in the parish; and the benevolent contributions for objects outside of the congregation, in 1881, were \$1663.99, while the yearly average of such contributions for the last twelve years is \$1700.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in New Milford.

Permanent preaching was established at Capt. John Warner's old homestead about a mile below Lanesville, in 1822, Laban Clark and Eli Barnet being the preachers.

Preaching by the Methodist ministers of Redding Circuit, and possibly by Jesse Lee, was held probably before 1800, and

certainly as early as 1804, in Brookfield and the southern part of Bridgewater, and classes were formed in both these places (see page 420). In 1813, Gad Smith from the Goshen Circuit preached at Bull's Bridge, near Gaylordsville.

In 1815, Elijah Hebard from the Stratford Circuit preached at John Warner's, and the next year Cook and Pierce from Burlington Circuit found their way to Northville, in this town.

Cyrus Syliman from the Amenia Circuit, N. Y., held regular services in Gaylordsville and Washington in 1823-4, and a revival occurred in which over one hundred conversions were reported.

A Methodist meeting-house was built at the corners, at the old Capt. John Warner place, in 1828-9, under the labors of John Lovejoy, at a cost of \$3,000, where preaching was continued regularly about twenty years. The church in New Milford village was built in 1849, at a cost of \$3,100, and was dedicated in 1850 by Bishop Janes; and some years later the church on the plains was discontinued, and the building removed. In 1869, the church in the village was repaired under the supervision of Rev. W. R. Webster at a cost of about \$2,000. In 1855, the parsonage was built, costing \$1,200.

The ministers stationed in New Milford while the meeting-house was on the plains, and also in New Milford village, have been :

1823—Laban Clark, John Nixon.	1833—Reuben Harris. (At this time the name New Milford first appears in the minutes.)
1824—Eli Dennis, William S. Pease.	1834—Left to be supplied.
1825—Eli Dennis, Julius Field; who is still living at Durham, Ct.	1835—Charles Stearns, J. O. Elsworth.
1826—S. D. Ferguson, W. V. Buck, J. Luckey.	1836—Charles Stearns, F. Donelly.
1827—Eli Barnet, Valentine Buck.	1837—A. F. Sillick, F. Donelly.
1828—John Lovejoy, J. H. Romer, O. Sykes.	1838—A. F. Sillick, Samuel Weeks.
1830—H. Bartlett, Charles Sherman.	1839—Nathan Rice, Joseph Henson.
1832—S. Martindale, L. C. Cheeney.	1840—Nathan Rice, M. Blydenburgh.
	1841—Z. Davenport, N. Robinson.

1842—Z. Davenport, G. S. Gilbert.	1851—W. McAlister.
1843—W. H. Bangs, G. S. Gilbert.	1853—A. B. Bulling.
1844—W. H. Bangs, E. Gilbert.	1855—W. H. Russell.
1845—S. Weeks, E. Gilbert.	1857—Ira Abbott.
1846—F. W. Sizer, S. Weeks.	1859—S. J. Stebbins.
1847—E. P. Nickerman, One to be supplied.	1861—Wm. Sylvester.
1848—S. W. Schofield, J. O. Worth.	1863—Wm. Ross.
	1865—G. W. Allen.
	1869—Wm. R. Webster.
	1871—A. Booth.
	1874—E. L. Bray.
	1877—J. H. Crofut.
	1880—J. H. Lightbourn.
	1881—L. P. Perry.

The present officers in the M. E. Church in New Milford are:

Stewards of the Church.

Orange Pepper,	H. O. Mallett,
William Green,	A. S. Parcelles,
M. L. Delavan,	Charles A. Way.
William Marsh,	

Trustees of the Church Property.

Orange Pepper,	John Dodd,
Henry Hartwell,	D. D. Marsh,
M. L. Delavan,	E. D. Orsborn,
Charles Emmons,	Charles Way.

Further Account of the Episcopal Church.

The record of this church was brought down to the close of the Rev. Benjamin Benham's labors in 1827.

Rev. Enoch Huntington took charge of this church on Trinity Sunday, in 1827, under circumstances which allowed much labor and work of organization. He is said to have been the first clergyman who kept a record of his parish work; and the Rev. Mr. Acley says, in his historical sermon: "He did much for the parish, raising it to a condition of comparative prosperity." From 1835 his labors for three years were divided between the New Preston Church and this; but still the work of progress went on. In 1832, an organ was put into the church at a cost of \$600, and in 1837 a new church edifice was erected on the east side of the green, and the old one in the middle of the green was taken down. The new one was consecrated in the autumn of 1837, and in the following May 41 persons were confirmed, it being the largest number that had been confirmed at one time

up to that date. Mr. Huntington continued to labor here until Easter, 1848, when, after a service of nearly twenty-one years, he retired from the care of this church, to take charge of a school in New York City.

Rev. Cyrus Munson took charge of this parish in June, 1848, and in the following August he departed this life. He was a promising young man, and much esteemed, and was to have been married in Meriden on the day his funeral was attended there.

Rev. William H. Rees was employed from January, 1849, to Easter, 1850, and seventeen persons were confirmed by Bishop Brownell.

Rev. G. B. Hayden officiated in the pastorate here from 1850 until the following Easter, when Bishop Brownell confirmed 31 persons.

Rev. D. P. Sanford accepted the pastorate here on Sept. 12, 1851, and continued about two years with success, when he accepted a call to a parish in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. John W. Hoffman began his pastoral labors here in February, 1854, and continued until 1856, when he resigned.

Rev. Charles Gardiner Acly entered upon the pastoral work in this parish in August, 1856, and in the autumn of that year a parsonage was purchased at a cost of \$2,000. In 1858, repairs were made on the church edifice, and in the summer of 1860 it was enlarged at an expense of \$2,500, and reopened with appropriate services October 16, 1860, by Bishop Williams. Mr. Acly's resignation took effect March 1, 1876. He died in New Milford in 1880.

During Mr. Acly's rectorship, an organ costing \$2,400 was purchased and placed in the church, and the bell was re-cast in 1868 by Jones & Co., of Troy, and weighed nearly 2,000 pounds. The first bell was placed in this church in 1815, it being procured by Samuel Lockwood, and not being large enough to be heard at a distance in the winter, it was called "Samuel Lockwood's Summer bell." It was exchanged after about ten years' use, and another procured, which was used until 1868. A bequest was given to this church by J. G. Noble in 1870, which was used as a fund until it was recently added to the contributions for building the new church edifice.

Rev. Alfred S. Clark became rector of this church May 1, 1876, and resigned Oct. 27, 1879. He was transferred from the Diocese of Louisiana, and returned to the same to accept the rectorship of Calvary Church in New Orleans. During his rectorship here, the church interior was repainted and carpets were procured, and a fund was started for the building of a new rectory.

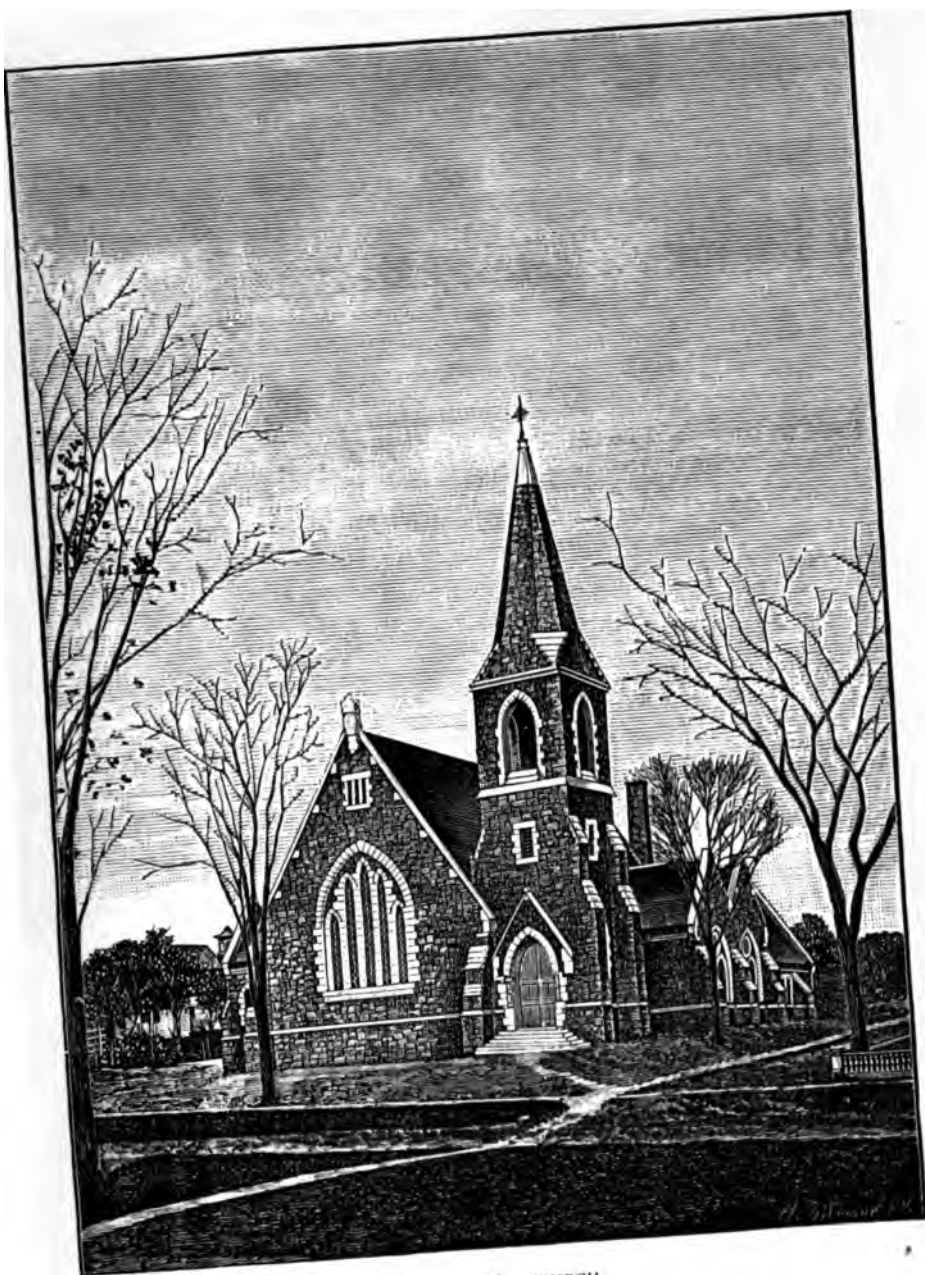
Rev. E. L. Wells, D. D., was minister in charge of this church from November, 1879, until his death in August, 1880.

Rev. George C. Griswold was minister in charge from the decease of Dr. Wells until November, 1880.

Rev. Edward R. Brown commenced his services here as rector of the church on November 28, 1880; just before which the contract had been made for building the new church, which work has received his constant attention as well as that of the building committee, in addition to the pastoral work of a large parish.

The new church edifice marks an era in the history of the Episcopal church in New Milford. It will be just 140 years on the 17th of March, 1883, since the Church people were first recognized by a town vote, giving them the liberty to erect their first house of worship at the south end of Main street, and since that time three church edifices have been erected, and this is the fourth, but the times and circumstances have greatly changed; and this change is forcibly exhibited in the contrast of the two edifices,—the first and the last. The first was a very plain wooden structure, probably, about thirty feet square, having at first unplaned board seats; the last is built with granite, with limestone trimmings, 108 feet in length and 50 feet in width on the inside, and finished inside and outside in the most modern style of Gothic art and architecture; and it is said that the whole expense is covered by \$50,000. The first one cost, probably, above the work done on it without charge, £30, or one hundred dollars, the last five hundred times as much. This we think is a definite illustration of the change of the times and circumstances within 140 years.

It is expected that before the 140 years have expired this new edifice will be completed, consecrated, and occupied for public worship.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
Erected 1880-1882.

Immediately after Dr. Wells commenced his labors in this Church, in the autumn of 1879, he began to urge upon his people the importance of building a new church edifice, but the difficulties seemed many, and that of obtaining a satisfactory site was very great. After much inquiry during several months a location was found that appeared to give general satisfaction. This Miss Cornelia E. Boardman purchased at a cost of \$10,000 and gave it to St. John's Church, and a little later she pledged \$5,000 more on condition that a stone church costing \$25,000 should be built. An effort was then made to raise the money, and the sum was nearly secured by pledge, when, on the 14th of May, 1880, Miss Boardman departed this life after only a few days illness.

During this time a plan of the present church edifice was obtained by Dr. Wells, and adopted by the proper authorities, and the parish began to feel assured of having a new house of worship, and some further progress was made, when Dr. Wells was taken ill, and after a short time he departed to his reward on the 7th of August, 1880.

The offer of Miss Boardman, having in it so much aid as to cause the parish to see it practicable to erect an edifice suitable and appropriate to the modern enterprises of the times, was accepted, and the work commenced in the autumn of 1880. The entire cost of the site and the church will be about \$50,000, a sum in advance of what was at first estimated, but such is the fine appearance of the edifice that the wonder is that any committee could do the work for that sum. It is evident also from this large amount, that not only one, but every member of the parish must have done what he or she could, or this edifice could not have been built.

All Saints Memorial Church.

In 1880, a number of communicants, having withdrawn from the St. John's Episcopal Church, organized a society according to State law for religious purposes, and in the spring of 1881 established regular services, according to the rites and usages of the Episcopal Church, which have been continued since that time. To this society Mr. William D. Black offered a beautiful site, and upon it Mrs. Judge Sanford offered to build a stone church,

as a memorial of her late husband, Judge D. C. Sanford. These offers were accepted by the society, and the work of building the house was commenced in the spring of 1882. It is built of New Milford marble; taken from a quarry on Mrs. Sanford's land adjoining the village, and it will be a most beautiful church edifice. It is located on the southern declivity of Aspetuck Hill, west side of the street, about fifteen rods north of the site of the first dwelling house erected by John Noble, Sen., the first settler in New Milford township.

The Catholic Church in New Milford.

Father Linneyhall, of Newtown, was the first priest who held regular services in this place, and under his labors the land was purchased where the Church and parsonage house now stand about the year 1860; the land being occupied then as a lumber-yard. The building then standing on it, which had been used as a steam saw-mill, was purchased of Mr. Merritt Beach and Mr. Alanson N. Canfield, then lumber dealers at that place, and fitted up in its present commodious style. The parsonage was built about 1877 or '78, the property being now valuable and commodious.

No resident priest was appointed here until 1872. Rev. Father James J. Gleeson is the present incumbent.

More about Schools in New Milford.

From 1752 the care of the public schools was wholly with the First ecclesiastical society of the town until 1796, and in the annual meeting of the town in December, 1806, they "voted that the Visiting Committee of Schools in the several school districts in this town be entitled to receive out of the town treasury, the sum of seventy-five cents for visiting two schools per day, and that no charge for any one school exceed \$1.50, and that each school be visited twice the ensuing year." Therefore, under this law, if each school should be visited twice a year, but the visitor make a visit to but one school a day, he would receive \$30 each year for twenty schools; but if he visited two schools a day, and each of the twenty twice, he would receive only \$15. The choice being given, more work in a day and less pay is not the rule of most men.

This law stood two years, and, although the good, honest school committees who were to carefully observe how the young ideas did shoot, took no advantage of this one school-a-day clause, yet they found a way for double pay, and were brought to account all suddenly in December, 1808, by the following :

" Voted that the committee for visiting schools be paid out of the town treasury as directed, with this alteration, viz. : that the summer and winter schools be considered as one school, so that they be entitled to pay for but two visits a year." There were two " terms " or sessions in a year, and they had visited each term twice. If we only had the names of those committees who knew enough to know that the summer school was a school, and the winter school was a school, we would put them in emblazoned characters, as being a little ahead of some other committee visitors in the world.

But the spirit of a stinted economy in education (now being outgrown) has been generally a thrifty failing in America, and this town made still better terms for itself than previously in 1821, when, supposing it had been too liberal with its school visitors, it voted to pay them " in lieu of 75 cents for visiting two schools per day, the sum shall in future be that of 68 cents per day ; " and at this rate of expenditure they continued about thirty years, when again they added the seven cents, making the sum for two schools, or one day's work, 75 cents.

But aside from any pleasantry over a little thing of this kind, the spirit of the town has been broad and thorough in regard to its district schools, which have numbered between seventeen and twenty-five for more than one hundred years, and the results have been very satisfactory. The large number of teachers who have been mostly, and many of them wholly educated in these schools, reflect great credit upon the town and the State. If, for one hundred years, seventeen districts have furnished one teacher a year, there have been 1,700 teachers sent forth on educational missions, who could not have failed to develop, in the aggregate, an immense amount of benefit to the public, and the nation.

Not only on the district schools have the people of the town bestowed much attention and great sums of money, but hundreds of children have been sent abroad into other towns and

cities for the purposes of education, besides the support given to private schools in the town which have been continued about 130 years unto the present time.

The entire expense of the district schools for the year 1881, was \$6,800; and the list of teachers for the term ending in July, 1881, is as follows, the figures denoting the number of the district, those of 18 and 19 having been discontinued or merged into other districts :

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| 1. Mr. M. H. Pierce, A. B. | 9. Miss Alice E. Jackson, |
| 1. Miss Mary E. Bennitt, | 10. Miss Bertha M. Wood, |
| 1. Miss Mary A. Blinn, | 11. Miss Jennie T. Gregory, |
| 1. Miss Lillie Marsh; | 12. Miss Lottie Buckingham, |
| 2. Miss Minnie E. Pratt, | 13. Miss Maggie A. Glennon, |
| 3. Miss Nellie Wanzer, | 14. Miss Minnie Sullivan, |
| 4. Miss Julia Couch, | 15. Miss Susie F. Nettleton, |
| 5. Miss Alice I. Haskell, | 16. Miss Fannie E. Morris, |
| 6. Miss Anna L. Richmond, | 19. Miss H. Alice Waite, |
| 7. Miss Hattie Hill, | 20. Miss Myra A. Cable. |
| 8. Miss Huldah C. Hill, | |

The number of scholars in the town of New Milford, June 1, 1882, was 837, of whom 747 had been in school during the year.

The Board of Education for the town, for 1882, consisted of the following persons :

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| Cyrus A. Todd, Acting Visitor, | Starr Scott Buckingham, |
| Albert N. Baldwin, | Amos H. Bowers, |
| George Northrop, | George W. Richmond, |
| Charles N. Hall, | Ethiel S. Green. |
| Edward F. Morehouse, | |

The new public school building on East street was completed in 1876, and the school is organized as a graded school, having four teachers, modern conveniences, a library of 600 volumes, and is an institution in which the people of the village take much satisfaction.

The Housatonic Institute.

In 1849 a number of persons organized themselves into a company, and appointed a Board of Trustees, who erected a two story building for the purposes of an academy school. They continued a school regularly for three years, until 1852, when Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Stone accepted the responsibility of taking charge of the school ; Mrs. Stone becoming the Principal of the school. They afterwards purchased the school building.



PUBLIC SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Erected in 1876.

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Before coming to New Milford village Mrs. Stone had taught a successful private school in her own house thirteen years in Lower Merryall. The Institute was made a boarding and day school, and studies were pursued to the extent of fitting young men for college. Six teachers were employed, and for about fifteen years there were much of the time 150 scholars a year in attendance, and some years the number was still greater; and for a number of years the boarding scholars numbered 50, and at times still higher. About 1870 a part of the classical course was discontinued, and the school became smaller. Winter classes have been continued to the present time.

The Adelpic Institute.

This institution was opened by Mr. Ambrose S. Rogers, in 1847, at North Cornwall, as an English and Classical school for boys, where he continued it with success until 1860, when he removed to New Milford, where he had purchased about twenty acres of land a little out of the village, southeast, and built upon it a commodious house and school building. Here he continued this school for boys sixteen years, having a good degree of success; receiving pupils from all parts of the United States, the West Indies, and South America. During the continuance of the school in Cornwall and New Milford, a period of twenty-nine years, there were in attendance over five hundred different pupils, not one of whom died while connected with the institution. The locality is healthful, picturesque, and appropriate for such an institution, and should be thus continued for many years to come. During the late war it took the form of a military school, having accomplished teachers for the military drill, and the result was that several of its pupils became officers in the United States army. The grounds about the building were ample for military exercises and sports; and a short pedestrian journey to the eastward of the institution brought the young learners to a magnificent view of the surrounding country, such as to drive away all melancholy and inspire all proper youthful energy and zeal. In 1876 Mr. Rogers and his family deemed it expedient, as a matter of release from anxiety, care, and toil, to close the Institute, and when the last pupil had taken his departure, the family joined in a general parade of waving of white handker-

chiefs, throwing up hats and shouting for a vacation that meant freedom with a broad margin of rest.

Ambrose S. Rogers, A.M., son of Noah Rogers, was born in Cornwall, Conn., and was graduated at Union College, N. Y., under the Presidency of Dr. Eliphalet Nott, in 1840. After he graduated he commenced the study of theology, but a serious illness caused him to change his purpose and devote himself to teaching as his vocation in life, which resulted in the twenty-nine successful years of the Adelphic Institute.

Not long after Mr. Rogers settled in New Milford, his wife, whose health had not been strong for some years, departed this life, and in 1870 he married Miss Ellen T., daughter of the Hon. N. F. Thompson of New Haven, Conn.

Miss Lottie Thompson, a twin sister of Mrs. Rogers, became a member of the family before the school was discontinued, and thus continued until her decease in June, 1880. Mr. Rogers died in 1882.

The Temperance Reform.

The first temperance movement in the United States, of which we have any record, began in Litchfield and is as follows :

"So many are the avenues leading to human misery, that it is impossible to guard them all. Such evils as are produced by our own folly and weakness are within our power to avoid. The immoderate use which the people of this State make of distilled spirits, is undoubtedly an evil of this kind. It is obvious to every person of the smallest observation that from this pernicious practice follows a train of evils difficult to be enumerated. The morals are corrupted, property is exhausted, and health destroyed, and it is most sincerely to be regretted that from a mistaken idea that distilled spirits are necessary to laboring men, to counteract the influence of heat, and give relief from severe fatigue, that a most valuable class of citizens have been led to contract a habit of such dangerous tendency. Hence arises the inability to pay public taxes, to discharge private debts, and to support and educate families.

"Seriously considering this subject, and the frowns of Divine Providence in denying many families in this part of the country the means of a comfortable subsistence the past year, by failure of the principal crops of the earth, we think it peculiarly tha

duty of every good citizen to unite his efforts to reform a practice which leads so many to poverty, distress, and ruin. Whereupon we do hereby associate, and mutually agree, that hereafter we will carry on our business without the use of distilled spirits as an article of refreshment, either for ourselves, or those whom we employ, and that instead thereof, we will serve our workmen with wholesome food, and common, simple drinks of our own production :

Ephraim Kirby,	Archibald McNiel,
Timothy Skinner,	Abraham Bradley,
David Buel,	I. Baldwin, Jr.,
Julius Deming,	T. Reeve,
Benjamin Tallmadge,	Collier and Adam,
Uriah Tracy,	Tobias Cleaver,
Ebenezer Marsh,	Amos Galpin,
Moses Seymour,	Thomas Trowbridge,
Samuel Marsh,	S. Shethar,
James Stone,	Solomon Buel,
Samuel Seymour,	Bryant Stoddard,
Daniel Sheldon,	Abraham Peck,
Ozias Lewis,	Frederick Wolcott,
Lawrence Wessells,	Nathaniel Smith, 2d,
Elijah Wadsworth,	John Allen,
Alexander Catlin,	John Welch,
Reuben Smith,	Arthur Emmons,
Lynde Lord,	J. Strong.

"LITCHFIELD, 9th May, 1789."¹

The next stir made in Litchfield County was by a sermon preached by the Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D., pastor at Washington, Conn., in 1806, which considerably astonished the people, and created much discussion.

In April, 1808, a society was established at Moreau, county of Saratoga, N. Y., consisting of forty-three members, one rule of which was: "Art. 4. No member shall drink rum, gin, whisky, wine, or any distilled spirits, or compositions of the same, or any of them, except by the advice of a physician, or in case of actual disease (also excepting at public dinners), under the penalty of twenty-five cents, provided that this article shall not infringe on any religious rite." This society continued during fourteen years.

¹ G. C. Woodruff's Hist. of the town of Litchfield.

In 1812, Rev. Lyman Beecher, D. D., preached six sermons at Litchfield on the subject of temperance, which had a very great effect to arouse the public mind to this subject throughout the country.

The American Temperance Society was started at Boston, in February, 1826, "to restrain and prevent the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors," and in 1827, a society was organized in Torrington, in the town of Torrington, Ct., headed by the Rev. Epaphras Goodman, which was the result, in part, at least, of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher's six sermons on temperance preached at Litchfield in 1812. In 1829, the *New York State Temperance Society* was organized, and before the close of the year 1,000 local societies, with 100,000 members, were in existence, and a periodical, entitled *The Journal of Humanity*, established to promote the new movement.

Soon after this a temperance society for Litchfield County, Ct., was organized, and the subject became a general movement throughout the State. A meeting of this society was held in New Milford in 1834, when an advance step was taken, as is indicated in the following record:

"At a meeting of the Litchfield County Temperance Society, held at New Milford, the fourth Tuesday of September, 1834, the following address was delivered by the Rev. Hart Talcott of Warren. In the judgment of the meeting it is an original, sound, and well conducted argument, going to prove that the Temperance pledge ought to be extended to all intoxicating drinks, as well as alcoholic liquors. We, the undersigned, were appointed a committee by the meeting to request a copy of the address, and, if granted, to superintend its publication.

REV. HEMAN ROOD, }
WILLIAM BLACKNEY, } *Committee.*
ROYAL I. CANFIELD, }

The address was published as a pamphlet, and used as a temperance document, a copy being preserved by Judge D. S. Boardman, the above statement is obtained, and we are by it informed of the early discussion as to abstinence from "all intoxicating drinks." The first pledge generally circulated through the country allowed the use of wines and malt liquors as a beverage, but the second excluded "all intoxicating drinks" in such use, but no movement was made, directly, to lessen the production of such liquors. We see, then, that the "total abstinence" question was publicly discussed and adopted in 1834, in Litchfield county.

The Litchfield County Society continued its active work a number of years, securing a great reform throughout its territory. A report of this society for 1839 is still preserved, containing a report from the keeper of the county jail, A. Sedgwick, and of the clerk of the Superior Court, Frederick Wolcott. The following is the jailor's report, which is quite a contrast with the present times :

Whole number imprisoned within one year on criminal charges,	31
Temperate,	0
Doubtful,	3
Intemperate,	28

The New Milford Washingtonian Temperance Benevolent Society was organized in October, 1841, and during the years 1841 and 1842 there were recorded over 900 names of persons as members of this society, but this movement soon began to lose interest, and but very little was done beyond the year 1842. The last record made by this society being in 1847.

In 1874, upon reports of the "Woman's Temperance Crusade" in Ohio and the West, some of the women of New Milford secured the calling of a meeting, which was held March 17, 1874, and other meetings soon followed. At the time the town had refused to grant licenses, but liquors were sold quite freely and under no disguise, in several places in the village and in the town. The women visited the saloon-keepers, and urged them to stop selling liquors. Soon the liquor dealers secured the calling of a town meeting and asked the town to give them license, and while the voting was proceeding the women held a prayer-meeting. The result of the voting was sixty-seven majority against license. The liquor dealers stopped selling for a time and then secured another town vote, with a like result—no license. An appeal was made to the County Commissioners, but this also failed. Parties continuing to sell liquors without license, the voters took up the matter and prosecuted and convicted all the parties, but soon after or at the next election the town voted license. Again in 1876 the town voted no license, under which prosecutions were made by hired detectives, who feigned the distressing need of liquors for violent diseases, and when it was obtained under such circumstances, they turned informers and prosecutors. This created in the final result great defection of

temperance people from the support of the no license law, and thereafter the town voted license.

In 1876, a young peoples' meeting was organized and the society or meeting was for a time quite prosperous, and a Colored People's Temperance Union was formed which soon numbered eighty members, and a Band of Hope with sixty-two members was established. A Citizen's Club sprung up spontaneously and many who were considered almost past reform joined it, and a Reading-room with books, papers, and some pleasant furnishings was established and \$150 provided, to aid the work.

Again, in 1877, the town voted license and thus it has continued to do until the present time.

An organization was formed, April 3, 1878, called the New Milford Christian Temperance Union, and officers elected: George C. Wells, President; Rev. J. B. Bonar, and Rev. J. H. Crofut, Vice-Presidents; Charles O. Hoyt, Secretary; and B. B. Cogswell, Treasurer; and a Board of Managers. A constitution was adopted, and for two years much temperance work was done and good effected, but a large proportion of the hundreds who joined this army at that time ceased to do active public work in this cause. For the past two years a temperance prayer-meeting has been maintained much of the time on Sunday afternoon.

The Colored People's Temperance Union of New Milford is a living working organization, that does great credit to that people. They hold regular meetings the year round, and an annual temperance festival at New Year's. The officers now serving in this Union are: President, George W. Thatcher; Vice-President, George Van Blake; Recording Secretary, Stephen Heacock; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Van Blake; Treasurer, William F. Youson.

The Press in New Milford.

The first newspaper established in this village was the New Milford *Republican*, in 1845, by J. K. Averill, who continued it until in the following year, when it was removed to Litchfield.

The Housatonic Ray.

In 1872, Messrs. Bailey and Donovan, publishers of the Danbury *News*, deeming New Milford one of the best localities in

Connecticut for the establishment of a rural newspaper, began the publication of the *New Milford Journal*. They sent one of their workmen, named E. W. Addis, to this village to secure local items, and supplied him with sufficient type to set up the matter thus obtained, and the owners at Danbury supplied the rest and printed the paper. At the end of about one year they sold it to J. R. Johnson, who put the whole inside in type and carried the forms every week to Danbury, where the original owners did the printing of the inside, the outside of the paper being "patent" and supplied by a New York firm. After Mr. Johnson had published it about one year, it passed into the hands of the present proprietor and editor, Mr. M. L. Delavan, who changed its name to that of *The Housatonic Ray*, under which title it still diffuses its "Rays" of light to an increasing patronage, having already met with a degree of success quite unexpected at the outset by its editor. The *Ray* aims to be *independent* in the expression of its opinions, in which aim it has succeeded as well as many other papers with like good intentions, yet it is well known that many of the human race have failed to reach the high point at which they aimed. It has a feature,—that of questions and answers,—which is wholly unknown to the other papers of the state. It is an industrious, enterprising, and energetic paper. The office of the *Ray* is at the corner of Bank and Railroad streets, second floor, and the appearance of the sheet itself is much more benevolent and gracious than the two crowded rooms where its four pages with an often accompanying Supplement are made up and printed every week.

The New Milford Gazette.

This paper was started by Gee & Hale in January, 1877, and continued to be published under their management until August, 1877, when it passed into the hands of Mr. Robert Erwin, who has been its editor and publisher to the present time. It is said to be Democratic in its politics, but is much more generally known in the true democratic sense, in the diffusion of the knowledge of transpiring public events of the day, than for its discussions of political views.

Its commodious office and printing-room is in the east end of the basement of the Town Hall, a room that is delightfully cool

in a hot summer day, which fact has been suggested, may have something to do in giving character to the paper the "year round," if we add the words, "and spicy."

The Circulating Library.

The Union Library of New Milford was established February 18, 1796. The first meeting of the proprietors was held at the dwelling-house of William Clark, and the following are the names of the original subscribers :

Sherman Boardman,	Stanley Griswold,
Elijah Boardman,	Ebenezer Gaylord,
David S. Boardman,	William Gaylord,
Mathew Brownson,	Daniel Gaylord,
Nathan B. Buckingham,	Nathan Gaylord,
Samuel B. Buck,	Abner Gunn,
Clark Blackney,	Epenetus Gunn,
Benjamin Bostwick,	Abel Hine,
Elijah Bostwick,	Noble Hine,
Samuel Bostwick,	Beebe Hine,
Reuben Booth,	Solomon Hill,
Gerardus Booth,	Abraham Hayes,
Asa Brownson,	C. Lowrey,
Daniel Camp,	J. Lockwood,
William Camp,	Daniel Lines,
Samuel Bostwick,	Truman Marsh,
Ithamar Canfield,	N. S. Masters,
Herman Canfield,	Stephen Miles,
William Clark,	John Miles,
Stephen Chittenden, Jr.,	Stephen Merwin,
William Doan,	Noahdiah Mygatt,
Daniel A. Pickett,	David Noble,
Joseph Ruggles,	Jeremiah Platt,
John Roberts,	Isaac Stone,
Philo Ruggles,	Eli Starr,
John Speary,	Nathaniel Taylor,
Benoni S. Sanford,	Nathaniel Taylor, Jr.,
William Taylor,	Gideon Treat,
Thomas Wells,	Philip Wells.
Daniel Everitt,	

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M.

The first Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the New England Colonies was opened in Boston in 1733, and after the Revolutionary War Grand Lodges were organized in all the States.

A charter was granted, and Hiram Lodge was established in New Haven, Connecticut, upon the petition of Captain (afterwards General) David Wooster, in 1750, which was the first lodge in Connecticut. The next in the same State was at New London in 1753, and the next at Middletown in 1754.

At a convention of the lodges of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven, July 8, A. L. 5789, A. D. 1789, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was organized, and a constitution adopted.

St. Peter's Lodge of New Milford was represented in the May session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1791, but how long it had been then organized has not been ascertained.

At the half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in October, 1795, Elisha Bostwick, J. W., represented St. Peter's Lodge of New Milford. From that time until 1828, it was regularly represented in the Grand Lodge of the State; at which time the officers were: Jehiel Williams, W. M., Oliver W. Pickett, S. W., Franklin Stedman, J. W.

The following names of delegates from St. Peter's Lodge of New Milford are found in the records of the Grand Lodge of the State: 1796, Philo Ruggles; in 1797 and 1798, Elisha Bostwick and Philo Ruggles; in 1799, Joseph Ruggles, M., Reuben Brownson, S. W., and Philo Ruggles, J. W.; 1800, Elisha Bostwick and Abner Gunn. Of the additional names as delegates from St. Peter's—which was Lodge No. 21—we find the following: In 1802, Benjamin Platt, M.; in 1804, Benjamin Clapp, M.; in 1805, Eli Todd, M.; in 1806, Beebe Hine, who was the delegate regularly three years, and many times thereafter; in 1810, Reuben Warner; 1811, Levi Hubbell; in 1814, Jehiel Williams; in 1815, Daniel Pickett; in 1816, Seelye Richmond; in 1817, Ezra Noble; in 1818, Gerardus Booth; in 1819, Philo S. Hicox and William Prime; 1821, Clark Hine and Edward Hunt; in 1822, Samuel Canfield. These persons were delegates with others many more times than here noted, for these are the new names as they are recorded from year to year.

The officers of St. Peter's, as reported from 1821, are as follows:

1821—Ezra Noble, W. M.,
Clark Hine, S. W.,
Edward Hunt, J. W.

1822—Ezra Noble, W. M.,
Clark Hine, S. W.,
Edward Hunt, J. W.

1823—Clark Hine, W. M.,
Edward Hunt, S. W.,
E. Mygatt, J. W.

1824—Clark Hine, W. M.,
Edward Hunt, S. W.,
Chas. A. Randall, J. W.

1825—Edward Hunt, W. M.,
Chas. A. Randall, S. W.,
Oliver W. Pickett, J. W.

1826—Oliver W. Pickett, S. W.,
Ezra Noble, J. W.

1827—Jehiel Williams, W. M.,
Oliver W. Pickett, S. W.,
Franklin Stedman, J. W.

1828—Jehiel Williams, W. M.,
Oliver W. Pickett, S. W.,
Franklin Stedman, J. W.

The report of the officers of St. Peter's Lodge for 1828 is the last recorded, and it is believed that soon after it the charter was surrendered and the lodge given up. At this time the lodges numbered 75 in the State, but upon the Morgan excitement which soon followed, quite a number of the charters were surrendered.

An account book of St. Peter's Lodge is still preserved, the cover and some of the pages having been lost. The record as now seen begins in 1809, and continues until January, 1828, when the book stood nearly balanced. It is probable that the charter was at this time surrendered. From this treasurer's book, we learn that the following persons were members of the lodge, or became so, during the years from 1809 to 1828; but most of the dates denote the time of initiation:

1810 Ashbel Bostwick,
Jonathan Mygatt,
William Watson,
Abel Hine, 2d,
John Briggs,
Homer Gaylord,
Calvin Hatch,
Daniel Copley,
Isaac H. Bartram,
Daniel Copley, Jr.,
Horace Warner,
Stephen Chittenden,
Amasa Ferriss,
1811 Levi Hubbell,
Wilmot Sperry,
Abel B. Turrell,
Marshall Bostwick,
Aaron H. Stewart,
Gilbert Buckingham,

Everett Russell,
Stephen Edwards,
Seth G. Briggs,
Samuel Canfield,
1812 Israel Graves,
Harvey Bartram,
Philo N. Heacock,
Benjamin Wadhams,
1814 Holmes Hubbell,
Eli Mygatt,
Benjamin Smith,
Oviatt Clark,
Oliver Evetts,
Abijah Peet,
Clark Hine,
Sheldon Lockwood,
William Hine,
Stephen M. Ingersoll,
Briggs Ingersoll,

Thomas Weller,	Herman Crane,
Philo Noble,	Truman Richmond,
Cyrenus Ruggles,	Eli C. Northrop,
Gerardus Booth,	Charles A. Randall,
Orsemus Brownson,	1821 Z. D. Wheeler,
Lewis Curtiss,	Joel Morehouse,
Jehiel Williams,	Hebron Tucker,
James B. Turrell,	Pierce Maehar,
Stephen Treat,	William A. Blackney,
William Prime,	1824 Stephen Miles,
Homer Treat,	Franklin Stedman,
Nathan Kingsley,	Grant Northrop,
Benjamin Benham,	Beebe Hine,
Sylvanus Noble,	1826 Solomon E. Bostwick.
Jeremiah Platt,	

The Treasurers of the Lodge from 1810, were :

Stephen Chittenden,	James Webb,
Philo Noble,	Briggs Ingersoll,
Philo N. Heacock,	Ezra Noble.
Israel Graves,	

The Charter for St. Peter's Lodge was renewed Nov. 23, 1863, when a number of the fraternity met at Lewis Allen's hotel, in New Milford, on the evening of that day, and Jarvis Polly was appointed chairman and F. Richmond, Jr., secretary. The brethren then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result : Jarvis Polly, W. M. ; F. Richmond, Jr., S. W. ; F. N. Allen, J. W. ; George Lockwood, Treas. ; H. Hertz, Sec.

The lodge-room was first located in the post-office building, on Bank street, and on their first regular communication, Jan. 4, 1864, the remaining officers were chosen. Charles M. Booth, S. D. ; Oliver S. Hartwell, J. D. It was voted to hold the regular communications on the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month. The charter members were ; Jarvis Polly, F. Richmond, Jr., L. N. Jennings, F. N. Allen, Frederic Percy, Robert Townsend, Lewis Allen, Isaac Newman, Charles M. Booth, Oliver S. Hartwell, H. Hertz.

The following are the Worthy Masters in regular succession, since the renewal of the charter : Albert S. Hill, Dec. 19, 1865 ; Charles M. Booth, Dec. 15, 1868 ; Henry O. Warner, Dec. 20, 1870 ; A. H. McMahon, Dec. 15, 1874 ; S. C. Landon, Dec. 18, 1877 ; T. M. Trowbridge, Dec. 17, 1878.

Albert Turrill has held the position as Tyler since the reor-

ganization of the lodge, with the exception of one year, during which time he has not been absent from his post but three or four times.

At the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, April 25, 1873, the lodge sent Charles M. Booth to witness the ceremony and report to the lodge. On his return Mr. Booth gave the lodge an interesting account of the dedication, with a description of the building, and also presented to the lodge photographs of the Temple. On Jan. 1, 1870, the lodge place of meeting was removed to Schroverling's Building, on Railroad street, near the Station, and on October 1, 1879, it was again removed to its present rooms on Bank street. The present membership numbers ninety-four.

Ousatonic Chapter, No. 33, R. A. M.

This chapter was organized as Weantinaug Chapter, March 3, 1870. On May 19, 1870, it was legally constituted as Ousatonic Chapter under warrant of John H. Barlow, G. H. P. The Chapter members were Jarvis Polly, G. W. Anthony, T. T. Marsh, Charles D. Blinn, D. W. Knowles, A. H. McMahon, A. H. Knapp, Eli Hamlin, Ira Keeler, and John Knowles.

The first officers elected were Jarvis Polly, M. E. H. P.; D. E. Knowles, E. K.; A. H. McMahon, E. S.; M. L. Frost, C. H.; S. C. Landon, R. A. C.; H. O. Warner, P. S.; T. T. Marsh, Treas.; George W. Anthony, Sec.; Wm. Schoverling, G. M. 3d V.; John E. Knowles, G. M. 2d V.; Oliver S. Hartwell, G. M. 1st V.; Albert Turrill, Tyler.

The following is a list of succeeding M. E. H. Priests: A. S. Hill, Dec. 28, 1871; S. C. Landon, Dec. 28, 1876; A. S. Hill, Dec. 27, 1877.

The present officers are: A. S. Hill, M. E. H. P.; T. M. Trowbridge, E. K.; S. C. Landon, E. S.; T. T. Marsh, Treas.; G. W. Anthony, Sec.; W. F. Bennett, C. H.; J. G. Foster, P. S.; G. S. Beers, R. A. C.; Alex. Levy, G. M. 3d V.; F. A. Bennett, G. M. 2d V.; J. A. Northrop, G. M. 1st V.; Albert Turrill, Tyler.

The Chapter held its meetings at first in the Masonic Hall, on Railroad street, but removed with St. Peter's Lodge of F. and A. M., to its present rooms on Bank street. The present membership numbers forty-five.

The Good Shepherd's Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F.

This Lodge was instituted July 2, 1877, with the following charter members: John F. Williams, Nathaniel A. Williams, John B. Boughton, Thomas D. Barlow, George S. Beers, and James R. Ferriss.

The officers were: Thomas D. Barlow, N. G.; John B. Boughton, V. G.; James R. Ferriss, Sec.; John F. Williams, Treas.

The place of meeting was Beach's Hall, corner of West and Bridge streets. On July 1, 1878, it was removed to Masonic Hall, on Railroad street, near the depot. On Oct. 1, 1879, it was again removed to the new Masonic Hall on Bank street, where it remains.

The Noble Grands have been: John B. Boughton, January, 1878; Nathaniel A. Williams, July, 1878; Charles B. Botsford, January, 1879; George E. Eddy, July, 1879; George S. Beers, January, 1880.

The present officers are: Lewis W. Mosher, N. G.; Charles Planz, V. G.; T. M. Trowbridge, Sec.; John B. Sharp, Treas.

On Nov. 13, 1877, Schuyler Colfax delivered a lecture under the auspices of the lodge, to a large audience, from which the lodge realized a profit, a part of which was donated to the yellow fever sufferers in Memphis, Tenn.

Since its organization the lodge has lost but two members by death. The present membership is forty-six, with an average attendance of sixteen.

The Fire Department.

The first fire company in this town was organized May 8, 1830. This company was disbanded in February, 1863, and the Water Witch Engine Company, No. 2, was organized. The following persons have been foremen: Frederick Boardman, L. N. Jennings, S. L. Erwin, and Nicholas Staub.

The Water Witch Hose Company was organized May 1, 1876. The present officers are: Nicholas Staub, Foreman; Charles Edwards, First Assistant; Philip Planz, Second Assistant; T. M. Trowbridge, Secretary; R. B. Noble, Treasurer; H. E. Bostwick, Chief Engineer; A. H. McMahon, First Assistant; S. L. Erwin, Second Assistant.

The following is a list of the present members of this company.

George Robertson,	} <i>Standing Committee.</i>	Frederic Kirsch,
Henry Cady,		James H. McMahon,
Thomas Bray,		John Murphy,
Silas L. Erwin,		Ralph B. Morgan,
Charles Edwards,	} <i>Finance Committee.</i>	Lewis W. Mosher,
Edward Doherty,		William Oviatt,
Noble Bennitt,		Fred Osborn,
Charles B. Botsford,		George F. Pixley,
Curtis E. Colepaugh,		Philip Planz,
John Colepaugh,		Charles Planz,
Charles A. Cromer,		Frederic Raifstranger,
John Cromer,		Eli Roberts,
William Donnelly,		William Reily,
William J. Dodd,		Oliver W. Smith,
George E. Eddy,		Albert Turrill,
Milo Erwin,		George Toussaint,
Laurin Evitts,		Jacob Toussaint,
Charles W. Hine,		Joseph C. Wiley,
John Hannon,		John H. Ward,
Jease L. James,		William Whitlock.

CHAPTER XXVII.

NEW MILFORD VILLAGE.—(CONTINUED.)



THE first enterprise for public convenience in New Milford village was Capt. Stephen Noble's blacksmith shop on what is now Bennitt street; the second was the blacksmith shop of Lt. James Hine, where Mr. Egbert Marsh now resides; and afterwards there was a shop of the same kind conducted by John Dart, near the site of what was afterwards the Town House at the north end of the green, and another kept by Daniel Burritt near the site of the present Congregational parsonage, and yet another, some little time before 1800, near the corner of the green where Mr. Andrew B. Mygatt now resides.

Stores and Dwellings around the Green.

The first store-building was erected by William Sherman near the site of the present Town Hall, about 1752, but he soon died and the store ceased, unless it was continued by Abel Hine after 1760, but the building was used as a storehouse during the Revolution. Roger Sherman sold this property in 1760 to Abel Hine, containing "a parcel of land with a dwelling-house, shop and warehouses standing thereon."

Daniel Bostwick kept a tavern many years on the site of the residence of Mrs. Judge Sanford, in which it is quite probable he kept for sale articles of importation and home manufacture as a store, as was the case at several other taverns in the town.

Elijah Boardman established a store in the autumn of 1781, in the long house recently torn down, on the site of the present residence of Mrs. Frederick Boardman, and Miss Mary C. Boardman, and the next year his brother Daniel joined with him, and the partnership continued until 1793, after which

Daniel continued the store two years alone, and not long after he entered into partnership with Henry Hunt, in New York city, where he continued during the rest of his life. While in partnership with his brother, Elijah Boardman built a dwelling house which he completed in 1793, and which is still standing in its ancient but dignified style ; and soon after he built a store building a little north of his dwelling where he again established a store. This he continued until 1812, when he accepted Elijah Bennitt as a partner, and the firm continued until 1819, when Stanley Lockwood and Anan Hine bought the establishment and traded until 1823, and then Mr. Hine withdrew, and the store was kept a time by Mr. Lockwood alone, then by Eli Mygatt, and his son Henry S., from 1842 to 1852; then by another of his sons, A. B. Mygatt, and Charles H. Booth, from 1852 to 1855, and afterwards by Charles H. Booth until 1860, when the building was vacated, and not long after removed to Railroad street and fitted up as a dwelling.

In 1801, Jared Lane bought of Joseph and Philo Ruggles, administrators of Samuel Bostwick, Esqr., "the homestead where the said Samuel last lived, but which was set out to the widow Tamar Bostwick as dower in the estate of her husband, Daniel Bostwick, deceased, . . it being under the widow Polypheme Bostwick, widow of said Samuel Bostwick;" bounded north and east by highway, and south by Elijah Boardman ; and this property, being the site of Mrs. Judge Sanford's present dwelling, Mr. Lane sold to Dr. Amaziah Wright in 1804, who established a store, perhaps principally of medicines, but which he sold the next year to Dobson W. McMahon, who occupied the house then standing, continuing the drug store in the wing of the old house, but afterwards built a brick store just south of the old house and established a store of general merchandise and soon took into partnership Eli Mygatt, which firm continued until the death of Mr. McMahon, when Henry C. McMahon and Eli Mygatt, Jr., became the proprietors. In 1830 this firm was succeeded by Lawrence Taylor, and Oliver W. Pickett; and these by the firm of Taylor and Lockwood; and these by Oliver W. and Asa Pickett in 1839. They were succeeded by Robert Irwin, who established there the first Merchant Tailor store in the town. Judge D. C. Sanford re-

moved the brick store and the old house in 1846, and built the elegant dwelling that now occupies that commanding and historical corner of the Green,—it being a part of the first home lot of John Bostwick, senior.

Mrs. Frederick Boardman, and Miss Mary C. Boardman, now occupy their Norman Gothic house on the site of the first John Bostwick house, which was the second house erected in the township of New Milford. The first was doubtless a log house, but another was built on the same site or nearly so, and after a number of years the addition of another house was made for one of John Bostwick's sons or grandsons, and it was known until a few years since as the old long house.

The new house is really beautiful and elegant inside and outside, but the portrait paintings of the ancestors of the family being in the old style of dress, have the appearance of being away from home, as they hang in the new house. The paintings are unusually fine, but the contrast with this new style of house is very forcible. The large button-ball tree in front of this house is sixteen feet in circumference and is one of the finest trees of this kind of wood we have ever seen.

Mrs. Cornelia E. Wright by inheritance now resides in the house her grandfather Elijah Boardman built in 1793, and where her aunt, Miss Cornelia E. Boardman recently deceased, lived all her life. Its appearance is nearly the same as when first built, as is shown by a painting of it hanging in the house. The inside is very much as it was made at first, and is so much the more homelike and enjoyable to those who have a pleasant remembrance, and who love to cherish the memory of departed kindred.

Elijah Bennitt, after the dissolution of the firm of Boardman and Bennitt in 1819, built the store on Bennitt street, now owned by Noble Bennitt, and kept a store there many years. It was occupied by Noble S. Bennitt for many years as a store, and is now conducted by Mr. Reuben Booth as a dry goods store.

Anan Hine, after the dissolution of the firm of Lockwood and Hine in 1823, bought the house and lot where the new Episcopal Church is being erected, and built a store on the north side of the house, and in connection with Oliver W. Pickett commenced a store, which was afterwards conducted some years by

Mr. Hine, alone, until 1831; then by H. C. McMahon and Royal I. Canfield until 1836; then by Dea. George W. Whittlesey and Daniel Marsh from 1837 to 1842; then by Dea. George W. Whittlesey until 1878. In 1880 the house and store were taken down for the purpose of erecting on the site the new church edifice.

Ithamar and Asher Canfield established a store in 1785, in the south end of the old long house now standing opposite the residence of Mr. Henry W. Booth, and continued the same until 1794, when Asher Canfield removed to New York, and Ithamar Canfield continued the store, making the north part of the house his residence for many years. When approaching advanced life he closed his store, and removed to a house which stood where Mr. Alanson N. Canfield now resides, where he spent the remainder of his years in the oversight of his farm, and the enjoyment of an ample fortune. He was in partnership with Elijah Boardman in the Western Reserve lands in Ohio, twenty or more years, somewhat to his profit in the question of money and enterprise. He was one of the most extensively known, and esteemed citizens of New Milford.

Ebenezer Baldwin built a store about 1784, just north of the present residence of Mr. S. E. Bostwick, which was afterwards occupied as a store until 1791, by Beebe Hine and Gerardus Booth until 1800; then by Alfred A. Hine and John Taylor until 1813; when this store was purchased by Samuel Lockwood, and conducted by him and his son Horace Lockwood until 1832. Solomon E. Bostwick then bought it, and continued the store until 1851; and not long after the building was removed and is now standing on the place of J. Leroy Buck on the plain.

Joel Northrop and Alfred A. Hine built a store a few feet north of the present residence of Mr. Walter B. Bostwick, where they conducted a store until 1816, when Samuel Canfield, son of Ithamar, and Ransom Canfield bought it, and continued the mercantile business until the death of Samuel Canfield in 1823, when it was purchased by James S. Clark, who continued the store until 1836; after which it was occupied for a time by Samuel D. Orton as a lawyer's office. It was removed to Railroad street and is occupied as a dwelling.



RESIDENCE OF MR. DAVID E. SOULE, NEW MILFORD.

William Clark married Annis, daughter of Daniel Bostwick, in 1775, and built a house on the site of Mr. Walter B. Bostwick's residence, and kept a tavern there some years, as his father-in-law did on the corner where Mrs. Judge Sanford resides. This house was purchased by Aaron Hitchcock and was his residence for many years. Nathaniel Perry, a lawyer, and son-in-law of Aaron Hitchcock, built the present house, with the most perfect material and in the most thorough manner, and being fitted up more recently by its present owner, Mr. Walter B. Bostwick, it is a most desirable residence.

Mr. Solomon E. Bostwick purchased his present residence with the store property adjoining, in 1832, and began improvements not long after, which he has continued to make until he has one of the most complete homesteads in New Milford. He is engaged with his sons in the manufacture of vegetable buttons.

Eli Mygatt purchased the homestead where now his widow resides, of Gerardus Booth, about 1831, and resided there until his decease. The house was occupied as the residence of the Episcopal Minister, called the glebe lot, from 1775 until purchased by Mr. Booth, in 1797. The upper room of the house was known many years as Booth's Assembly Room. Mr. Mygatt was the son of Noadiah Mygatt, and was born in 1791, and became a prominent merchant and successful business man; was one of the first Board of Directors of the first bank in New Milford, organized in 1852, and the next year he was elected its president, holding the position two years. He possessed great integrity of character, was highly esteemed, and his descendants are among the most widely known and influential people of New Milford.

Mr. David E. Soule's dwelling-house was erected and completed in 1881. The first house on the lot was put there by Daniel Everitt, the lawyer, who purchased the land in April, 1782, of Prudence Collins, Amos Collins, and Stephen Collins. On Feb. 20, 1790, his assignees sold the land with a "house, barn, and out-buildings thereon" to the Rev. Stanley Griswold. The property was sold by the Rev. Stanley Griswold, March 30, 1803, to Judge David S. Boardman, and was in the possession of the Boardman family until it passed into the possession of Mr. Soule in 1881, when the old house was removed and the present one built.

Beebe Hine built, about 1790, the large two-story house on the north corner of Main and Bank streets, and it was occupied many years as the United States Hotel, and afterwards as the New England House, first by himself, until 1813, and afterwards by various parties until a few years since. The very great improvement in the style and costliness of dwelling-houses may be partially understood, by the fact that when this hotel was opened to the public, it was said by people far and near to be the largest and most complete building of the kind between New Milford and New York City. Mr. Hine, after occupying it some years, sold it and built the fine brick house recently taken down that stood on the corner north of Mrs. Judge Sanford's residence; and after residing in it some years, he sold that and removed to New Haven. Beebe Hine being very ambitious for improvements and taking much satisfaction in them, after one or both of these fine houses were built, while at his father's house, which stood on the east side of the green where the Town Hall now stands, remarked to his father, "We seem to have all the improvements on the west side of the street; we are getting ahead of you on the east side." "Yes," said his father,—who was considerably wealthy,—"but it seems to me you come over on the east side pretty often for money to do it with."

Hon. Isaac B. Bristol is proprietor of the New England House, which occupies the site of the old Ezra Noble dwelling-house, in the rear of which Mr. Noble conducted for a number of years a tannery, and had a shoe shop connected with it. This site is on the lot originally laid out to Peter Perrit and Roger Brownson on the 4th of April, 1728. When this lot was surveyed it was twenty-nine rods wide on Main street, and was bounded east on Main street, north on Samuel Brownson, west part on the Great River and south on the heirs of Samuel Hitchcock. The site of Mr. Hitchcock's house at that time is now in the front yard of Mr. A. B. Mygatt's present dwelling-house, and his lot if it was only a half lot would have been about ten rods on Main street, reaching north nearly to the New England House, and the Perrit lot twenty-nine rods more with Samuel Brownson's lot must have extended very nearly if not quite to John Bostwick Sen's lot on the corner where Mrs. Judge Sanford now lives. Samuel Hitchcock gave to his son Samuel a part of his lot

north of his house and built a house on it, which, perhaps, was the one removed some years ago from the site of the present meat market of Mr. John R. Bostwick, to where it now stands on the north side of Bridge street, next building east of the Noble Brother's button shop. If this is the dwelling-house of Samuel Hitchcock, then it is about 150 years old. This building was probably re-covered soon after the Revolution, and has remained thus, except new window casings and some such repairs, to the present time.

When this Hitchcock house was first built, and for many years after, so far as has been learned, it was the only house between Samuel Hitchcock's house and John Bostwick's house at the corner of Main and Bennitt streets.

Peter Peritt never resided here, but sold his half of this lot to Roger Brownson; and neither of the Brownson families resided on Main street, so far as has been learned.

In 1796, Stephen Chittenden, Jr., and Clark Blackney purchased of Ebenezer Baldwin the lot with a dwelling-house, where now the New England House stands, and the next year Chittenden bought Blackney's interest, and afterwards built a tannery on the back part of the lot. This he conducted until 1813, when he sold it to Ezra Noble, who continued the tannery and added a shoe-shop.

Ezra Noble, with his tannery and shoe business, was a prominent man in the town many years, and is still well and favorably remembered by many people. It is said that he was the owner of the first one-horse wagon ever brought into the town, which was about 1805.

After Mr. Noble's decease the place was purchased by Lucius Lum, who for a few years kept it as a hotel and store, and sold it in 1867 to the present owner, Mr. Isaac B. Bristol.

The large elm tree standing in the front yard of this house is said to have been set there by Stephen Chittenden, Jr., when he first owned the place, which would make it now eighty-five or eighty-six years old. It is four feet in diameter.

On this old lot of the Hitchcock family stand several new buildings which make a fine appearance for the west side of the green. The Soule Block consists of two two-story buildings, the first floor of each being used as a store. Next south of these

is the fine brick dwelling-house of Doct. S. T. Clemans, built in 1861; and on the corner, the spacious dwelling of Mr. C. C. Noble; all of these being in first-class order, as is nearly every house in the village.

In 1863, the highway now called South Main street, was authorized by a town vote. Mr. A. B. Mygatt was then residing where his dwelling now stands, and he purchased the land southward of his house, and in the spirit of improvements and enterprise opened a street and asked the town to accept it, which they did; and that is now the favorite street of the village for residences except around the green. Including Mr. Mygatt's house and that of Mr. Alanson N. Canfield on the opposite corner, this street is filled with fine residences, with roomy yards, which are kept in most perfect order.

On the south end of the green are the houses of Mr. Canfield just spoken of and that occupied by Mr. Sheldon S. Wheaton as a hotel boarding-house. The former stands near the site of the first house of Samuel Prindle in 1712, and the latter is a little west of where was erected the first pound in the town about 1712, which was removed about 1800.

On the east side of the green, southeast corner of it, is the dwelling of Mrs. Lucia H. Noble, widow of the late Hiram B. Noble, who resided there some years. It stands on the old Zachariah Ferriss home lot, but most probably the Ferriss house stood further north, where or north of where the present dwelling of Mr. Charles B. Camp stands. Next north of Mr. Camp's is the only ancient appearing dwelling south of the Town Hall on this street. It was built by Noadiah Mygatt.

The Town Hall, a brick building of fine dimensions and outward appearance, and very commodious in its internal arrangements, was built in 1875, at a cost of between forty and fifty thousand dollars. Besides its large hall for lectures and town meetings on the second floor; it has on the first floor a town clerk's office and vault, a probate court room and vault, and two other commodious court rooms, and ample basement rooms below the first floor.

This building is located on the east side of Main street at the corner of Main and Church streets, and stands a little north of the site of the first house of John Noble, Jr., in 1712. The lot



William J. Staw

has been owned by many parties, among them Doct. William Gillett of Milford, William Sherman, Roger Sherman, and was owned and occupied many years by Esqr. Abel Hine. In another place in this book it is indicated that the store left by William Sherman was discontinued; but the old account-book of Abel Hine having come to light, it is evident that he continued the store from 1761 until after the Revolution.

The dwellings south of the Town Hall, on the east side of the green, are modern buildings except one, and also those at the south end of the green.

Col. William J. Starr resides on the homestead of his grandfather, Col. Josiah Starr, who purchased it when known as the Paul Welch place, in 1768. It was a part of the first John Weller's home lot, and had been in the possession of Paul Welch, Esqr., and of his son Paul some years. Col. Josiah Starr was a prominent, energetic, and successful farmer—active and prominent in town and public matters. His son Eli Starr was born on this place in 1763; resided here all his days, a prominent citizen, and here his son William J. Starr was born in 1806, and here he still resides in vigorous, active life. He was a member of the 14th Regiment of Connecticut Cavalry fifteen years from 1827, and served the same regiment a number of years as its Colonel, and hence he is familiarly and always nearly, called "Colonel Starr"; and because he has possessed good health and a good memory, and has been pushing all about the town for seventy years, this book, and the public through it, as well as its author, are greatly indebted to him, as well as several other aged persons, for many items of history herein.

Next south of Col. Starr's dwelling stands the Episcopal church, built in 1837, but to be vacated as soon as the new edifice shall be consecrated.

The dwelling-house now owned and occupied by Mr. B. J. Stone was built about 1810 by the St. Peter's Masonic Lodge and held some years, having their lodge-room in it and renting other parts. It was purchased about 1852 with the academy building by Mr. and Mrs. Stone, and the house is kept as a Temperance Hotel with strict fidelity and uprightness, as to temperance principles.

The new Episcopal Church stands on the north corner of Main and Whittlesey avenue, and occupies the site of the old

Whittlesey store, and the old Samuel Comstock house of one hundred and thirty years ago. Work began on this edifice in the autumn of 1880, and it is nearly completed, and is one of the finest church edifices in the western part of Connecticut.

The Congregational Meeting-house was built where it now stands in 1833, in the Corinthian style of architecture, on land which was long held as the home lot of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, the second pastor in the Congregational church. Mr. Taylor built the house next north of it in 1759, and resided in it until his decease. He built the house next south of this meeting-house for his son Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., and in it was born the child who became the celebrated theologian, the Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, D. D.

It was not known until recently when Rev. Nathaniel Taylor built his house; but Mrs. President Porter while visiting New Milford the past summer observed the old door-handle of this house on the back door, and saw on the brass trimming the letters D. B. and the date 1759. The letters it was found were the initials of the old blacksmith Daniel Burrett, and revealed the probability that he made the handle for the front door of the Rev. Mr. Taylor's new house in 1759.

The dwelling-house of Doct. Charles Taylor is modern in age, but with its Corinthian pillars in front it is more ancient in some of its architecture than any dwelling in the town. It was built by his father, Doct. George Taylor, in 1827, and stands on the lot of the first William Gaylord in the town.

North of the old Rev. Nathaniel Taylor house, is the new, elegant two-story and French roof house of Mr. Henry O. Warner; it being an innovation in that locality as to the style of architecture, but an impressive ornament to the village.

Next north of the new Episcopal Church stands the fine residence of Mr. Charles H. Booth, on the south part of the old Rev. Nathaniel Taylor lot.

The Treadwell house, the home of the late John P. Treadwell on Elm street, on the corner of Main, is one of the most attractive appearing residences in the town. It stands on the lot originally preempted by Col. John Read, while he claimed a title to over twenty thousand acres of land, most of it within the bounds of New Milford. This house before remodeled and enlarged by

Mr. Treadwell, was the home of the Hon. Perry Smith, United States Senator, who built it in 1814.

The late John P. Treadwell was a highly esteemed citizen, and is remembered and spoken of with kindly remembrance by every one who knew him. He went to New York city when but a lad, engaged in business upon his own judgment and responsibility ; was successful ; became the proprietor of and conducted the St. Nicholas Hotel, which he continued many years ; returned to his native town ; fitted up this mansion-like residence and connected with it quite a farm, and made it his home during a number of the last years of his life.

There are many other homes and residences that might as properly be mentioned as the foregoing ; but the object has been to make a brief record of the more prominent points of observation surrounding the green rather than a record of men, as a review of the changes and transactions which have taken place here during 176 years, or from 1706 to 1882. Fine residences may be seen on Elm street, and northward on what has been called, in this book, Poplar street.

On what might, in historical honor, be called Aspetuck Avenue, or North Main street, stand the dwellings of Mr. Levi S. Knapp, and Col. Charles D. Blinn, fronting the green, both on historic ground ; Mr. Knapp's is near the site of the first meeting-house and that of Col. John Read in 1710 ; and Mr. Blinn's is on the site of the first white man's house who resided in the township, John Noble, Sen.

Just north of Col. Blinn's is now being erected the fine edifice of All Saints Memorial Church, on the west side of the street. The rise of the hill is such that the appearance of this church will be very fine and a decided ornament to the village. Further up the hill on the same side of the street, Mr. William D. Black has made preparations for building a fine, modern style mansion house, very near the site of the home of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, the first minister in the town. Mr. Boardman's old well is included in the lawn lot of this dwelling.

West of, and parallel to this old town plot street, Mr. Black has opened another street within a few years, on which have already been erected several fine dwellings.

West street has fine residences, on the bluff, adjoining the

river, ornamented with an unusually beautiful row of young maple shade trees.

Bridge street, so called because it leads to the "Town Bridge" over the "Great River," is ornamented with the commodious residences of Mr. Daniel Marsh, Mr. Merritt Beach, Dr. James Hine, Mr. Harvey B. Hoyt, and Hon. A. B. Mygatt. The house recently removed by Doct. Hine from the site of his present dwelling, to the corner west, was erected in 1774.

The Village Improvement Society.

In the spring of 1871, a paper was circulated to secure the organization of a Village Improvement Society in New Milford, and names were solicited upon the proposition that five dollars should constitute one person a member with the right of one vote, and any one having the privilege of taking as many votes as he or she might desire at the same rate.

On July 15, 1871, a meeting was held and an organization effected, with the following members; the order of the names being different from that on the original subscription paper which has not been preserved.

Miss Julia Acly,
William B. Allen,
Mrs. William B. Allen,
Mrs. Alex. B. Anderson,
George W. Anthony,
J. Knight Bacon,
D. A. Barlow,
Willis F. Bennitt,
Lottie B. Bennitt,
W. D. Black,
Mrs. W. D. Black,
C. D. Blinn,
Miss C. E. Boardman,
Frederick Boardman,
C. H. Booth,
C. B. Bostwick,
S. E. Bostwick,
Mrs. S. E. Bostwick,
H. E. Bostwick,
W. B. Bostwick,
Mrs. W. G. Brown,
Miss P. Bull,
C. Callisin,
A. E. Carr,

S. T. Clemans,
Mrs. A. N. Daniels,
Robert Erwin,
Thomas Fuller,
Mrs. S. C. Hertzell,
H. B. Hoyt,
Henry Ives,
L. N. Jennings,
L. S. Knapp,
William J. Lane,
R. S. Leavitt,
Daniel Marsh,
Mrs. T. T. Marsh,
J. H. McMahon,
Eli Mygatt,
A. B. Mygatt,
H. S. Mygatt,
Miss Carrie C. Mygatt,
New England House,
Hiram B. Noble,
George H. Noble,
Alfred H. Noble,
Miss Cornelia Noble,
Miss Julia Noble,

Miss Nettie B. Noble,
 Miss Ella E. Noble,
 C. C. Noble,
 R. B. Noble,
 C. H. Noble,
 Miss Sally Northrop,
 John Peck,
 L. S. Randall,
 Ambrose S. Rogers,
 Mrs. D. C. Sanford,
 Henry S. Sanford,
 Miss C. S. Sanford,
 William J. Schoverling,
 John F. Schroeder,
 Mrs. Eliza Smith,
 T. E. Stewart,
 Mrs. T. E. Stewart,

George T. Stewart,
 Mrs. M. A. Stone,
 Everett Sturgess,
 George Taylor,
 Charles Taylor,
 Mrs. Charles Taylor,
 John P. Treadwell,
 Mrs. John P. Treadwell,
 John P. Treadwell, Jr.,
 Miss M. E. Treadwell,
 Miss Julia Treadwell,
 J. Eli Treat,
 Mrs. Mason W. Tyler,
 Mrs. M. J. Wells,
 George W. Whittlesey,
 Geo. Wm. Wright.

At a meeting of this society held at the house of Mrs. D. C. Sanford, on July 31, 1871, George H. Noble was chosen chairman, and W. B. Allen, secretary, when the following officers were elected: John P. Treadwell, President; George H. Noble, Vice-President; Charles Taylor, Treasurer; Robert Erwin, Secretary.

The executive committee were: Miss C. S. Sanford, Mrs. T. T. Marsh, Henry E. Bostwick, Frederic Boardman, C. D. Blinn. George T. Stewart was declared an honorary member and appointed the collector.

At the annual meeting, April 10, 1882, the following officers were elected: Frederick E. Starr, President; Henry O. Warner, Vice-President; J. F. Schroeder, Secretary; Walter B. Bostwick, Treasurer; and Walter B. Bostwick, David E. Soule, Charles H. Noble, Mrs. John P. Treadwell, and Mrs. Henry R. Treadwell, executive committee.

The society has expended about \$9,000, besides very much expended by private individuals on the front of their own lots, and on the sidewalks and streets. The householders on the main streets agreed that their lots should be assessed one dollar and a half per front foot, in addition to large donations made by many of them. The proceeds of a fair in aid of the enterprise amounted to \$700.

Supply of Good Water.

The New Milford Water Company was chartered July 2, 1873, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, and was organized Aug 2, 1873, by the election of directors as follows: Charles H. Booth, Henry O. Warner, Seth C. Landon, Isaac B. Bristol, Walter B. Bostwick, David E. Soule, and George W. Anthony.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Charles H. Booth was elected President, Charles H. Noble, Secretary and Treasurer, and Henry O. Warner, Superintendent. There has been no change of officers to the present time. In consequence of the difficulty of securing the water privilege, nothing was done that year towards the construction of the works, but in August of 1874, the privilege having been purchased, the work was commenced, and was completed the following December. The reservoir was made by damming Cross Brook about one mile and a quarter northeast from the village. The distribution is effected by iron pipes, of which there have been about four and three-quarter miles laid. The total cost of the works, as reported by the treasurer at the annual meeting of August, 1882, had been \$31,030.91; the balance of \$6,030.91 above the capital stock of \$25,000 having been paid out of the earnings of the company. The company began paying dividends in June, 1877, and have paid regularly ever since.

The First National Bank of New Milford.

This was originally a State bank, called the Bank of Litchfield County, having a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. The first meeting of the stockholders was held December 6, 1852, and the following board of directors was chosen:

Fred. G. Chittenden, <i>Pres't</i> ,	Noble S. Bennitt,
Eli Mygatt,	Daniel Marsh,
George Taylor,	George Briggs,
Walter D. Sperry,	Glover Sanford.
Solomon E. Bostwick,	

The banking-house was the small brick building now standing next south of the residence of Mrs. Harriet Boardman, on Main street. The first cashier was A. McAlister of Bridgeport, who held the position until the appointment of George W. Whittlesey

of New Milford, April 25, 1853. Upon the resignation of Mr. Chittenden, April 7, 1853, Eli Mygatt was elected to that position, and Mr. Henry W. Booth was chosen director. Mr. Mygatt voluntarily retired from the presidency in 1855, and was succeeded by Mr. Henry W. Booth, and he by Mr. Daniel Marsh, who continued in this office until January 1, 1878, when he resigned. Mr. H. W. Booth remains as director, and gives his personal attention to the business.

In March, 1865, the Bank of Litchfield County changed to a National Bank, with a capital of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Marsh continued in the presidency, with the following directors:

Daniel Marsh,	Henry W. Booth,
Glover Sanford,	Lyman Smith,
George Taylor,	Solomon E. Bostwick,
John Hopson,	George Briggs.
John G. Noble,	

In 1858, John J. Conklin was made cashier to succeed Mr. Whittlesey and remained in office until October, 1867, when he was succeeded by the present cashier, Mr. Henry Ives.

While it was a State bank, soon after its organization, the Bank of Litchfield County sustained heavy losses on account of the misdoings of its president, Frederick G. Chittenden. To repair the damages caused in this manner became the chief care of the president, Eli Mygatt, and the board of directors, which was accomplished in a brief period, and the institution was placed in a comparatively satisfactory condition. Under the administration of the third president, Mr. Henry W. Booth, the bank was judiciously managed and became a prosperous institution, paying satisfactory dividends and possessing the confidence of the public. This state of prosperity continued during the administration of Mr. Marsh as president until the close of his term of official and most honorable service, January 1, 1878. In 1867, John J. Conklin proved to be a defaulter to the amount of about \$40,000. The bank was able to bear it without any very serious embarrassment, and is now in a very strong and prosperous condition, doing a constantly increasing business.

The present officers of the bank are: A. B. Mygatt, President;

Henry W. Booth, Vice-President; Henry Ives, Cashier; Henry S. Mygatt, Assistant-Cashier; Charles C. Barlow, Clerk.

The following is a statement of the condition of the bank December 18, 1880:

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
Bills discounted,	\$240,607.77	Capital stock,	\$125,000.00
Over drafts,	341.84	Surplus fund,	25,000.00
U. S. bonds,	125,000.00	Undivided profits,	18,750.47
Other stock and bonds,	21,398.75	Circulation,	112,490.00
Mercantile Nat. B'k, N. Y.,	35,794.74	Unpaid dividends,	150.00
Fisk & Hatch,	309.18	Deposits,	170,343.95
Banking-house,	7,000.00	Certificates,	6,951.87
Expense account,	2,326.16	Balance due banks,	7,388.06
Rev-stamp account,	400.00		
Non-resident tax,	45.60		
Five per ct. redemption fund,	5,625.00		
Cash,	27,225.31		
	<u>\$466,074.35</u>		<u>\$466,074.35</u>

The New Milford Savings Bank.

This institution was organized in July 1858, with the following board of corporators:

Eli Mygatt,	Noble S. Bennitt,
David C. Sanford,	Albert Pickett,
Silas Erwin,	Daniel Marsh,
Gerardus Roberts,	William B. Green,
Albert N. Baldwin,	Charles H. Booth,
James Hine,	John S. Turrill,
William J. Starr,	Isaac Hine,
Andrew B. Mygatt,	Levi S. Knapp,
Sheldon Blackman,	Charles Randall.
Jehiel Williams,	

The first officers were: Eli Mygatt, President; Silas Erwin, Vice-President; Charles Randall, Sheldon Blackman, James Hine, Noble S. Bennitt, Gerardus Roberts, Directors; John S. Turrill, Secretary and Treasurer. Eli Mygatt was President from 1858 to 1859; Silas Erwin from July 1859 to February 13, 1875, and James Hine from July 1875 to July 1882; then Ralph E. Canfield was appointed. The first secretary and treasurer was John S. Turrill, who was succeeded by Charles Randall, the present incumbent.

The present board of Corporators are :

Albert N. Baldwin,	Charles Randall,
James Hine,	William Roberts,
William J. Starr,	Cyrus A. Todd,
Andrew B. Mygatt,	Ralph E. Canfield,
Daniel Marsh,	Van Renselaer Giddings,
William B. Green,	Isaac B. Bristol,
Charles H. Booth,	Turney Soule,
John S. Turrill,	Charles M. Beach,
Levi S. Knapp,	George W. Anthony.

The first deposit was \$39, and was made August 23, 1858. The deposits on October 1, 1880, amounted to \$566,646.97; and on July 1, 1882, to \$624,000.

The present bank-building, a brick edifice, brown-stone front, was completed and the bank opened in it August 31, 1877.

The present officers (July 1882) are : Ralph E. Canfield, President ; Isaac B. Bristol, Vice-President ; John S. Turrill, Turney Soule, George W. Anthony, Charles H. Booth, and Van Renselaer Giddings, Directors ; Charles Randall, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Agricultural Society of New Milford.

The first meeting for the formation of an agricultural society was held in Wright's Hall, in New Milford, July 3, 1858, and the object was accomplished in the formation of "The Housatonic Agricultural Society." At first the fairs were held on a lot in the rear of the present residence of Doct. James Hine, but afterwards the society rented grounds of Mr. F. S. Richmond, on the west side of the Housatonic river, about one mile south of the village of New Milford, where their exhibitions were held for several years.

At a meeting of the society held March 3, 1879, it was voted to merge the Society into a joint-stock organization, and at a meeting March 22d, a temporary organization was effected. At a meeting held June 21st, two-thirds of the stock having been subscribed, the organization was completed and the following board of directors was elected : William D. Black, Nicholas Staub, Noble Bennitt, George W. Squires, Turney Soule, Samuel Thornhill, J. Leroy Buck, Homer L. Wanzer, Walter B.

Bostwick, George A. Barnes, H. O. Warner, Charles E. Beeman, and Burr Mallett. William D. Black was elected President; J. Leroy Buck, Vice-President; W. B. Dayton, Secretary; and Charles Randall, Treasurer. Subsequently Mr. Dayton resigned his position and Robert Erwin was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the annual meeting in 1880, the old board of directors and officers were re-elected. In 1881, F. J. Turrill and Charles N. Hall were elected directors in the places of George A. Barnes and Charles E. Beeman. At a meeting of the board of directors held May 7, 1881, Col. Charles D. Blinn was elected Secretary in the place of Robert Erwin, resigned.

The grounds of the Association are located on the west side of the Housatonic river a little distance northwest of the old Indian burying place, and are ample, well located, and conveniently furnished for exhibitions. The two fairs held upon this ground have been successful, it is said, having had a surplus on hand after paying its premiums in full. Liquors have not been allowed to be sold on the ground, thus far, and no form of gambling has been allowed; not even the taking of chances, such as are often introduced into Sunday-school and church fairs. The capital stock was fixed at ten thousand dollars, nearly all of which has been taken.

Officers of the Society for 1882.

President, J. Leroy Buck; Vice-President, Walter B. Bostwick; Secretary, Frank W. Marsh; Treasurer, Charles Randall; Directors, J. Leroy Buck, Walter B. Bostwick, William D. Black, H. O. Warner, Turney Soule, Frederick J. Turrill, Noble Bennett, Nicholas Staub, Charles N. Hall, George W. Squires, all of New Milford; and Samuel Thornhill of Brookfield, Burr Mallett of Bridgewater, and Homer L. Wanzer of New Fairfield.

For the exhibition in the autumn of 1882, the above directors were placed upon various committees as superintendents of the various departments; and the following were the Executive Committee of the Ladies' Industrial Department: Mrs. W. B. Bostwick, Mrs. J. K. Bacon, Mrs. H. S. Mygatt, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Wm. D. Black, Mrs. H. O. Warner, Mrs. Levi P. Giddings, Mrs. Noble Bennett, Mrs. C. D. Blinn, Mrs. Willis F. Bennett, Mrs. Turney Soule, Mrs. George B. Noble, Mrs. Charles

N. Hall, Mrs. Lafayette Joyce, Miss A. M. Noble, Miss Jennie Gaylord, Miss Helen Boardman, Mrs. Henry S. Beers, of Brookfield, Mrs. H. L. Wanzer of New Fairfield, Mrs. George C. Hitchcock of Washington, Mrs. P. H. Squires of Roxbury, Miss Sarah Sanford of Bridgewater.

New Milford Village Business Enterprises in 1882.

The road called Bank street was authorized to be opened by a town vote, Aug. 24, 1840. Previous to that for some years it had been a lane running back from Main street, on private property, while all the stores were located on Main street. After the street was graded, parties began to remove to it and erect store buildings, and this work continued until every site is occupied, and recently two fine store buildings have been erected and are occupied on Main street.

The following brief record of the business places and firms is made as a historical statement, to which it is possible many in the future will look with surprise and doubt, and wonder how the town could get along with all of its stores on one short street. To a stranger, nothing is more surprising, than, with the many fine sites for business on Main street, to see all the stores crowded into this narrow Bank street; but then it has been true hundreds of years that :

"Birds of a feather
Flock together."

On the north corner of Main and Bank streets is the wood building heretofore described, three stories high with dormer windows, for many years known as the United States Hotel and afterward the New England House.

William H. Smith, fancy and millinery goods, established in 1874. He is the son of Samuel W. Smith, a farmer. His wife conducts the millinery business in connection with the store, in this building.

William B. Battam, dentist, son of Septimus Battam of London, Eng., occupies rooms in this building. He came to this country in 1870, and established his office in New Milford in 1881.

Lucius Sherman, harness maker, son of Roswell Sherman, is a native of Bridgeport, occupies a room in this corner

building. He established himself in business in New Milford in 1865.

John O'Connell, boot and shoe maker, came from county Cork, Ireland, about 1851, and to New Milford in 1855, and occupies a room in the corner building.

Benjamin F. Humiston and family occupy a part of this house.

North side of Bank street.

C. C. Noble and Son, merchant tailors and ready-made clothing, hats and gentlemen's furnishing goods. C. C. Noble, son of Ichabod Noble, established tailoring in New Milford in 1839; added cloths and ready-made clothing in 1853. He associated his son, Russell B., with him in business in 1869.

Also in the same store is the office of the New Milford Water Company; Charles H. Noble, secretary; chartered in 1873; capital stock, \$25,000. The works were completed in December, 1874. It began to pay dividends in 1877, and has paid regularly to the present time.

Fuller and Hoyt, dry goods and groceries, began business in New Milford in 1869. Thomas Fuller, son of Samuel C. Fuller of Morristown, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., came to New Milford in 1853. Harvey B. Hoyt, son of Benedict Hoyt of New Milford. Charles O. Hoyt, son of George A. Hoyt, is clerk.

Bates and Ives, watches and jewelry, successors to James B. Capron, in 1881. John E. Bates, son of Erastus Bates of Warren, Ct. Henry C. Ives, son of Dea. Henry Ives of New Milford. Theodore J. Gray, son of Isaiah Gray, watch repairer, came to New Milford in 1878.

Salem T. Clemans, dentist, up-stairs, son of Jary Clemans of Charlton, Mass., came to New Milford in 1851, and established an office. Charles A. Tappan is his assistant, son of George Tappan, Jr., of New York City, came to New Milford in 1874.

William N. Noble, druggist, son of Charles C. Noble; was successor to Alfred H. Noble in 1876. Orrin L. Plumb, clerk, son of Harvey G. Plumb.

Treat and Emmons, dry goods; established the firm in 1881. Benjamin Treat, son of Joseph C. Treat of Bridgewater,

succeeded Joseph Eli Treat, his brother, in 1875. George E. Emmons, son of Rollin C. Emmons of New Milford. Edwin J. Emmons, son of Rollin C. Emmons, is clerk in this store. A millinery is conducted by Treat and Emmons on second floor, Mrs. Mary A. DeWitt having charge of the department.

Charles H. Allen, dentist, son of Henry Allen of Norwalk, has rooms up-stairs in same building with Treat and Emmons. He graduated from New York College of Dentistry in 1880, and established his office in New Milford in 1882.

Arthur K. Partridge and family reside up-stairs, and his sister, Miss A. F. Partridge, carries on dress-making on the same floor.

William B. Allen, dry goods, groceries, and ready-made clothing, son of Treat Allen of Southbury, Ct., succeeded Robert Irwin in 1859, with Daniel B. Seward, son of Orrin B. Seward of Roxbury, Ct., as partner, firm of Allen and Seward; Mr. Seward was succeeded by William J. Whiting of New Haven in 1868, firm of Allen and Whiting; and Mr. Whiting was succeeded by Everett Sturges of Fairfield, firm of Allen and Sturges, in 1869. Mr. Sturges left the firm in 1876. Howard McD. Allen, son of William B. Allen, is clerk with his father.

New Milford Savings Bank building was erected and completed in 1877, on the north side of Bank street. Charles Randall is the present secretary and treasurer, and H. Leroy Randall, son of Charles Randall, is clerk.

W. F. Kinney and Company, grocers. W. Frank Kinney, son of Henry Kinney of Washington, Ct., with Seth C. Landon, succeeded R. S. Leavitt, Nov. 18, 1875. Mr. Landon went out of the firm, April 1, 1879, and Henry, son of Harry Kinney of New Milford, succeeded Mr. Landon, under the same firm name. The clerks are:—Morell B. Sherman, James O. Ford, Daniel Gaylord, Edward Doherty, and Miss Helen Bennitt.

Charles H. Booth, dry goods, son of David Booth of New Milford, commenced business in 1856, with Andrew B. Mygatt, firm of Mygatt and Booth, with a general assortment of goods as a country store. Mr. Mygatt retired from the firm in 1859, and Mr. Booth continued the store. He removed from Main street into Bank street in 1860. In 1868 Charles D. Blinn of Cornwall came into the firm as C. H. Booth and Company, and the

following year the firm name was changed to C. H. Booth and Blinn. Mr. Blinn retired in 1880 on account of his health. Clerks in the store are:—John P. Treadwell, Clayson S. Perry, Miss Minnie C. Wilbur, and Miss Mary S. Parcells.

Alonzo Pixley, saloon keeper, son of Jarvis Pixley of Great Barrington, Mass. He succeeded Charles Stratton in 1870. His family reside on second floor. George F. Pixley, his son, is clerk.

Frederick S. Leonard, ready-made clothing, and furnishing goods, son of Benjamin S. Leonard of Sharon, Mass., came to New Milford in October, 1880, and established the store as F. S. Leonard and Company. Since January, 1882, Mr. Leonard has continued the store in his own name.

George Robertson, boots and shoes, son of Alexander Robertson of Brechin, Scotland, came to this country in October, 1854; came to New Milford in 1858, and established business here in 1868.

John Gerdella, fruits and nuts, came from Italy. He established business in New Milford but resides in Norwalk. Frank Gerdella is in charge of the business in New Milford.

Burnette P. Lasher, meat market, son of John Lasher of Gallatinville, N. Y., came to New Milford and engaged in the New England House. He succeeded James Eagan in his present business in March, 1882. He is assisted by John Lasher, his brother, and Andrew J. Cromer.

Frederick Kirsch, saloon keeper, son of Tobelot Kirsch of Wovestans, France, came to this country in 1864. He established business as a barber in New Milford in 1867; sold the same in 1876, and opened a saloon and continued to the present time. His family reside up-stairs.

First National Bank is located on the northeast corner of Bank and Railroad streets, and the building was erected

Hon. Andrew B. Mygatt, son of the late Eli Mygatt of New Milford, is president of the bank, having been elected in 1878. He followed the mercantile business quite a number of years; has served in the lower house of the legislature, and two terms in the senate. He is a United States bank examiner for the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island, and is director in the Housatonic railroad. He has taken great interest in all

improvements in his native town, as was manifested by his energy and enterprise in causing the opening of Bank street, South Main street, and Whittlesey avenue.

Mr. Daniel Marsh served as president of this bank over twenty years, with much success and the full confidence and satisfaction of all interested in the institution. He is a native of the town and began his public life as a clerk in a store in Park Lane, and continued in that place some years as proprietor of the store, and then removed to the village, continuing the same business until about the time when the railroad was opened, when he became the agent at the New Milford station, where he devoted his time until elected president of the bank. He, with his son, T. T. Marsh, conducts a large business in a coal yard at the present time.

Mr. Henry W. Booth is vice-president of the bank, which position he has held five years, having been a director, and having given his personal attention to the business transactions of the institution since 1865. He is a native of the town and a farmer by trade, and has continued the farming business on his own farms during the last forty years.

Dea. Henry Ives, son of Isaac C. Ives of Lee, Mass., was engaged as clerk and cashier in the Bank in Ware, Mass., fifteen years, until 1867, when he came to New Milford as cashier of this Bank, which position he still holds. He is Deacon in the Congregational Church.

Henry S. Mygatt, son of Hon. A. B. Mygatt, is assistant cashier of the bank, where he has served since February, 1878. He is also organist in the Congregational Church.

Charles C. Barlow, son of D. A. Barlow of New Milford, is clerk in the bank, where he commenced in October, 1879, and has continued to the present time.

South side of Bank street.

New England House is located on the south corner of Main and Bank streets, in New Milford village. Mr. Isaac B. Bristol is proprietor of this house, having purchased the property in 1867, of Lucius Lum, and fitted it for a hotel. Mr. Lum kept a hotel in it, but the north room was occupied as a store until Mr. Bristol purchased it.

Joseph Lahatt, barber, son of Joseph Lahait of Montreal, Canada, came to New Milford and established his shop in Landon's block in 1878, and recently removed to the next door west from the New England House. Alphonso Lahait, his brother, is his assistant.

Hiram B. Noble's Estate, boots and shoes. Hiram B. Noble, son of Ezra Noble, established a retail boot and shoe business in 1870, and continued it until his decease, March 28, 1881, when his son-in-law, William G. Brown, son of Charles A. H. Brown, Mass., took the business as administrator of the estate and continues the same.

John S. Turrill, lawyer, son of Sherman Turrill, has an office on second floor of the building with the H. B. Noble estate. He studied law with Judge D. C. Sanford, and in the Boston Law School, and with Gideon H. Hollister of Litchfield; was admitted to the Litchfield county bar in 1850, and established a law office in New Milford in 1850.

John F. Addis, son of John W. Addis, studied law with John S. Turrill; was admitted to the Litchfield county bar in 1882, and has his office with John S. Turrill.

Levi S. Knapp, boots and shoes, son of Levi Knapp, came from Danbury, Conn., and commenced tanning and shoemaking in 1822, with Albert Pickett; firm of Pickett and Knapp; dissolved partnership in 1824, and commenced business alone where George Robertson and C. C. Smith's property is on Bennitt street. He continued this business until 1838, when he sold the same to Royal Davis and removed to his present house, where he continued shoemaking until 1842, when he was appointed deputy sheriff, which office he held until 1857, when he resigned and established the present boot and shoe store on Bank street, in his own building. Gerardus Knapp, his son, is clerk in the store.

Henry R. Piercy, harness-maker, son of George F. Piercy of Philadelphia, Pa., has a shop on second floor of Levi S. Knapp's building. He established business at Gaylordsville about 1849, where he continued until 1881, when he removed his business to the present place. Andrew R. Piercy, his son, is engaged with him in the harness business.

John Murray, boot and shoe-maker, is on the same floor with Mr. Piercy. He is son of Patrick Murray of Robertstown, Ireland, came to this country in 1849, and to New Milford about 1856, and worked a time for E. Noble's Sons, and commenced a shop for himself in 1866. Thomas Murray, his brother, works with him.

Post Office. David A. Baldwin, son of Ebenezer Baldwin, was appointed post-master in 1873. Miss Chloe A. Noble, daughter of David Noble, formerly of Kent, is clerk in the post-office.

The following are the names of the post-masters who were appointed for New Milford from the first to the present time.

Daniel Everett,	appointed	January 1, 1795.
Philo Noble,	"	July 1, 1805.
Perry Smith,	"	May 9, 1829.
Lawrence Taylor,	"	March 24, 1837.
Nathaniel Perry,	"	June 5, 1841.
Solomon E. Bostwick,	"	January 13, 1845.
George H. Noble,	"	March 19, 1849.
John C. Smith,	"	February 3, 1853.
Solomon E. Bostwick,	"	May 24, 1853.
Henry Merwin,	"	May 16, 1861.
George D. Copley,	"	March 23, 1863.
William B. Allen,	"	January 7, 1867.
Robert Erwin,	"	April 21, 1869.
David A. Baldwin,	"	August 6, 1873.

George Beardsley, restaurant keeper, is the son of Addison L. Beardsley, and commenced the business here in 1873. His family reside up-stairs. Doctor Frederick E. King, a practicing physician, has an office up-stairs in this house.

Max Neisner, ready-made clothing, furnishing goods, hats and caps, son of Jacob Neisner, Russian Poland, came to this country in 1860, and to New Milford, and established business in 1870. Charles Neisner is clerk in the store.

Moses Cohn, has bowling alley in the basement, under M. Neisner's store. He is from Russian Poland.

Masonic Lodge occupies the third floor. James R. Johnson and family reside on the second floor.

Seth C. Landon, groceries, crockery, boots and shoes, son of Seth Landon, of Litchfield, Ct., came to New Milford in 1861, as a photographer; sold the business to James E. Canfield in

1874, and engaged with W. F. Kinney and Company, grocers, in 1875; retired from the firm in 1879, and established his present business the same year. William S. Baldwin, John F. Murphy, and Thurlow W. Canfield are clerks in this store.

T. Dwight Merwin, attorney at law, on the second floor of Mr. Landon's store building. He is the son of Marcus E. Merwin of New Milford; graduated at Yale College in 1877, read law with the Hon. Henry C. Robinson of Hartford, Ct., was admitted to the Hartford county bar in October, 1879, and established his office in New Milford in April, 1880. He was clerk to the Civil Service Committee in the United States Senate during the session of congress in 1882.

James E. Canfield, photographer, son of Amos Canfield of Wayne county, Pa., came to New Milford in 1874, and purchased the photograph gallery of Mr. Landon, where he continues his work successfully, for some very fine pictures have been made for this book by him.

Harvey Jennings, fruits, confectionery, and groceries, son of Samuel Jennings of Fairfield, Ct., is a native of New Milford, and established his present store in 1847.

Lawrence N. Jennings, livery, trucking, ice, and Adams express agency, son of Harvey Jennings; established his livery in 1879. His office is in the store of Harvey Jennings. Joseph C. Murray is clerk in this store.

Thomas Bray, blacksmith, in a rear building from Mr. Jennings' store, son of Thomas Bray of Bradford on the Avon, England, came to this country in 1874, and to New Milford the same year.

David A. Barlow, plumbing, stove store, and tin business, son of Joel Barlow of West Redding, Ct., came to New Milford in 1851 to learn his trade of William B. Wright, whom he succeeded in the business, July 26, 1860, in which he still continues.

Andrew A. Barlow, his son, is clerk in this store; Walter B. Welton is tinner, and Morris J. Murphy, plumber.

Cyrus A. Todd, insurance and real estate agent, son of Jonathan Todd, of Warren, Ct., came to New Milford in 1851, and taught public school several seasons, and succeeded George Lockwood in the insurance agency in 1868. His office is over Mr. Barlow's store. Arthur G. Todd, his son, is clerk in his office, and is also a school teacher.

Philip Planz and Brothers, barbers and hair dressers. Charles Planz, Philip Planz, and Martin Planz, sons of Peter Planz of Bavaria, Germany, came to New York in 1864. In 1873, Charles Planz came to New Milford and established a Barber's Shop, and not long after, his brother Philip came and took charge of the business, and he returned to New York. In 1875, Charles returned and joined his brother Philip, and they have continued the business to the present time. In July 1881, their brother Martin Planz came to New Milford and united with them in the same shop.

Charles A. Peck, groceries, and boots and shoes, son of Charles G. Peck, who was son of Michael Peck of Brookfield, established business in New Milford in 1874. In 1879 George N. Abbott became partner in the business; firm of C. A. Peck and Company, and in 1880 Mr. Abbott retired from the firm and Mr. Peck continued the store. William Seaman is clerk in this store.

George N. Peck, harness-maker, in the room back of his brother, Charles A. Peck, succeeded his father, Charles G. Peck, in the harness-making business in 1875.

Alexander Levy, books, stationery, and news office, son of Lewis Levy of London, England, came to this country in 1851, and to New Milford in 1869, and established a cigar manufacturing business; added newspapers, books, and stationery, in June, 1873, and stopped manufacturing cigars in 1879. Benjamin H. Levy, his son, is clerk.

James N. Blackman, watches, clocks, and jewelry, son of Sheldon Blackman, succeeded his father in the business in 1879.

F. G. Bennett and Son, store on the south corner of Bank and Railroad streets, first floor.

Frederick G. Bennett, son of Orrin Bennett of New Milford, established wagon making with Albert B. Judd, in New Milford in 1845, firm of Judd and Bennett. In 1847, Mr. Judd withdrew from the firm and Royal Buckingham, son of Gilbert Buckingham, took his place under the firm of Bennett and Buckingham. In 1856, Mr. Buckingham went out of the firm, and the business was changed to furniture and undertaking by F. G. Bennett.

Willis F. Bennett, son of F. G. Bennett, became partner with his father in 1871, under the firm name of F. G. Bennett and Son, which is still continued. Charles W. Senior, son of Joseph D. Senior, is clerk in this store, and Andrew M. Palmer is cabinet maker, and Charles Moeller, upholsterer.

The Housatonic Ray, a weekly newspaper, is printed and published on floor above F. G. Bennett and Son's store. It is wholly made up at this office, and is the only paper in the county that employs ladies in the editorial department. Mr. Marcus L. Delevan is editor and proprietor. He was educated a lawyer and admitted to the bar, but has followed the editorial work many years. Miss A. W. Parks is assistant editor, and has been largely, from its commencement, the financial manager of the paper. Mrs. F. H. Howard is also assistant editor, having been engaged recently in this office; but having pursued literary work for many years.

On Railroad street south of Bank street are several stores. This street was opened by town vote for a public street in 1840.

Noble Brothers, manufacturers of vegetable ivory buttons. They occupy the site formerly used by Canfield P. Bennett as a distillery; afterwards by Smith, Erwin and Randall as a wool hat manufactory. Alfred H. Noble and George B. Noble, sons of George H. Noble, constitute the firm. They succeeded R. H. Isbell and Company in 1876, with William Schoverling as partner, and in 1877, Mr. Schoverling retired, and since then, the business has been continued by the Noble Brothers.

The New Milford House was conducted as a hotel by Harvey Adams, who came to New Milford in 1880, and was killed while crossing the railroad in a wagon in 1881. The hotel is conducted now in the name of the Harvey Adams estate, by Sidney E. Strickland, administrator.

Anthony and McMahon, plumbing, crockery, stoves and the tin business, also paints and oils, and agricultural implements, established the firm in 1868. George W. Anthony, son of John H. Anthony, came from Brookfield to New Milford in 1868, and entered the firm the same year. Albert H. McMahon, son of George McMahon, succeeded Robert Sproul in 1866, in the tin business. In 1868, Mr. McMahon and Mr. Anthony formed

the firm, adding to the former business paints and oils. Frank A. Pelton and James W. McCarty are workmen in the store. The Connecticut Telephone Company's office, New Milford division, is conducted in the office of the store, and Anthony and McMahon are the local managers.

Charles C. Smith, baker and grocer, came to New Milford in 1867, and started this business which he still continues. Alonzo Leek is the baker, and James W. Orton the clerk.

On Railroad street, north of Bank street, on the east side of the street.

Charles M. Schreyer, meat market, son of George F. Schreyer of Halle Suabia, Wurtemberg, Germany, came to this country in 1872, and to New Milford in 1874. He established his present business in 1878. Henry L. Willis, assistant.

Benjamin F. Humiston, billiard saloon, son of Bennett Humiston of Washington, N. Y. He established his business in 1881.

Joseph D. Senior, house and sign painter and dealer in paints and oils, son of William Senior of Dorsetshire, England, who came to this country 50 years ago, or more. Joseph D. Senior is a native of Danbury, Ct., and came to New Milford in 1866, and established the business of groceries and paints and oils, with Rufus S. Leavitt, firm of Senior and Leavitt. He retired from the firm in 1868, and continued the business of house and sign painting, and dealer in paints and oils.

James Dovey, boot and shoe maker, son of William Dovey of Herefordshire, England.

Peter Peterson, picture frames and shop, son of Eric Peterson of Jentofte, Denmark, came to this country in 1860, and to New Milford the same year. In 1867, he started a shop in his trade of blacksmithing, but after some years was compelled to give it up on account of poor health. He established his present business in about 1876.

Daniel D. Mangum, blacksmith, son of Lyman G. Mangum, established his shop here about 1876.

On west side of Railroad street, north end.

Henry A. Hubbell, blacksmith, and wagon maker, son of Lewis Hubbell of Washington, Ct., set up the business in New Milford in 1872.

Noble Bennitt, flour and feed, coal, plaster, and custom grinding, is the son of Stanley G. Bennitt. He succeeded Noble S. Bennitt, in a general country store in 1862, with Elijah S. Bennitt his brother, who died in 1864, and Noble continued the business in the same place on Bennitt street until 1868, when he removed to a store near the depot, and established the flour and feed business. He built the present elevator in 1871, and established his business in it, and added at different periods coal, plaster, and custom grinding, accomplishing the work by steam power.

Henry Cady, baker, son of William Cady of Dutchess County, N. Y., came to New Milford in 1870, and commenced business for himself as a baker in 1881. George Phillips is baker in this store.

Reuben Booth, general country store, son of Henry W. Booth, started business on the north side of Bennitt street, site of the Noble S. Bennitt store, in 1876, where he still continues. Andrew M. Booth, his brother, is clerk in this store.

Cornelius B. Marsh keeps a meat market on the west side of Railroad street. He is the son of Orman B. Marsh, and succeeded Rollin C. Emmons in wagon-making in 1863; sold the same to Eddy and Taylor on account of poor health in 1876, and commenced the meat market in the spring of 1877.

George E. Eddy, manufacturer of wagons, son of George M. Eddy of Danbury, Conn., came to New Milford to learn the trade in 1869 and succeeded Cornelius B. Marsh, in the firm of Eddy and Taylor. Mr. Taylor retired in 1877, and he continued the business.

New Milford Creamery receives milk from the farmers and ships in bulk and in glass cans to New York City to the Lester Milk company. It also furnishes milk, cream, and ice cream to the people of the village. Flint E. Smith, son of Eli Smith of Sheffield, Mass., came to New Milford in 1878 to assist Clark Hine to establish this business. In 1869 Mr. Smith succeeded Mr. Hine, with Henry C. Ives as partner, and in 1881 Mr. Ives retired from the firm and Mr. Smith continued the enterprise.

Thomas W. Kimlin, builder and contractor, son of Richard Kimlin of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., came to New Milford about 1868, and established his business in 1880.

John Kennedy, blacksmith, son of Andrew Kennedy of Schenectady, N. Y., came to New Milford in 1860, and commenced work in his shop in 1861.

Charles B. Botsford, druggist, son of David Botsford of Woodbury, came to New Milford July 3, 1871, as clerk in the drug store of Frederick Boardman, and succeeded Mr. Boardman January 20, 1873. The store is on the west side of Railroad street, near the depot. Albert Evitts is clerk for Mr. Botsford.

Bostwick Brothers, manufacturers of Vegetable Ivory buttons. Their buildings are on Railroad street, east side. They have been engaged in the business about fifteen years. The firm consists of Henry E. and Walter B. Bostwick, sons of Solomon E. Bostwick. At various times additions have been made to their buildings until they are commodious and convenient.

Daniel Marsh and his son T. T. Marsh, have conducted a coal yard near the depot since 1845.

Merritt Beach, builder, dealer in lumber and building materials and agricultural implements, corner of Bridge and West streets, settled in New Milford in 1858. He is the son of Benajah Beach of Woodbridge, Conn., and commenced the business in 1856 with Alanson N. Canfield as partner. In 1868 Mr. Canfield retired, and Mr. Beach continued the business. He built his present brick store-building in 1873. Charles M. Beach, his son, is clerk. Ralph E. Canfield is assistant at pleasure in this store.

T. Soule and Company, builders, and dealers in lumber, building materials, flour, and feed, are located on West street, along the railroad. The company consists of Turney Soule and George H. Lines.

Turney Soule, son of John Soule, and his brother David E. Soule established the business in 1865. In 1873 the firm added a tobacco store-house and the tobacco business. In 1880, Frederick A. Lines and George H. Lines, sons of William A. Lines of New Milford, became partners in the firm, and in 1882 David E. Soule and Frederick A. Lines retired, and Turney Soule and George H. Lines continue the business under the firm of T. Soule and Company. George T. Soule, son of Turney Soule, is clerk.

Frederick A. Lines, upon retiring from this firm, removed to Ansonia into partnership in the building and lumber business.

John Mulcahy and Son, blacksmithing and wagon making are located on Elm street. John Mulcahy, son of Timothy Mulcahy of county of Cork, Ireland, came to this country in 1849, and to New Milford in 1876, when he commenced his business here.

Timothy J. Mulcahy, his son, is engaged with him as partner in the business.

Rollin C. Emmons, wagon and carriage-maker, is located on East street. He is the son of Chebar Emmons of Litchfield, Conn., and came to New Milford in 1851. He established a wagon shop at Nickerson's saw-mill in 1853 with Edward Platt and remained there about two years. In 1857 he bought the wheelwright business of Eleazer T. Brewer, in the village, and sold the same to Cornelius B. Marsh in 1863. He then removed to South Britain, thence to Winchester, and came back to New Milford in 1868 and established his present business.

Jesse L. James, blacksmith, is located in R. C. Emmons' shop; is the son of Jesse L. James of Kentucky, and came to New Milford in 1865.

Stephen Wells, ready-made clothing, is located on Main street in the Soule's Block, a new building. There being no more room for stores on Bank street, enterprise begins to return to Main street. Stephen Wells, son of Hezekiah Wells of Wells-ville, father of the old firm of Wells Brothers at that place, commenced business at his present place, in October 1878.

Mrs. Stephen Wells, his wife, conducts a millinery store in connection with his store. She commenced business as a milliner in New Milford about forty years ago, and has continued the same much of the time since.

De Watt Pepper, furniture and undertaking and art store, son of Charles Pepper of Sherman, Conn., came to New Milford in 1878 and established his present business with Jerome Titus on Main street, in Soule's Block. In 1882 Mr. Titus retired and Mr. Pepper continues the store.

Charles Reilly, boot and shoe maker, son of Patrick Reilly of Kells, Ireland, is located in the basement of the Soule's Block. He came to this country in 1853 and to New Milford the same year, and worked at his trade with E. Noble and Sons.

The Tobacco Business in New Milford.

The raising, curing, and packing of tobacco, as a business, has been followed over thirty years in the town of New Milford, while the trade in it and production of it seem to be on the increase rather than decrease. Mr. George McMahon, a native of New Milford, was the pioneer tobacco dealer here, having engaged in the business thirty years ago, and in after years he bought tobacco and manufactured cigars at his former residence on the plains, and he continued in the business until a few years ago, when because of poor health he had to retire from it. He has always encouraged the farmers in raising tobacco, and his eye will brighten even now at the sight of a soft, silky leaf.

By the following record it will be seen that the tobacco business in New Milford is extensive, involving a large amount of capital and labor.

There are about 9,000 cases of tobacco bought and packed annually in New Milford, bringing the farmers from five to six hundred thousand dollars.

The following firms are now engaged in this business at New Milford.

Schoverling, Soule and Company; the firm consisting of Herman Schoverling of New York, William Schoverling of New Milford—brothers and natives of Germany—Turney Soule and David E. Soule, also brothers, and of New Milford, who pack about 1,800 cases yearly. The Schoverling brothers have been interested in this business since 1861 and the Soule brothers, since 1871; a part of the time by themselves and a part with the Schoverling brothers, with whom they are now associated. The firm use the Soule Brother's large brick warehouse and storehouse for their business; and it is one of the most enterprising firms in the tobacco trade.

Bristol and Staub. The firm consists of Isaac B. Bristol and Nicholas Staub, having their place of business on West street, and having been thus associated for four years. They pack from 1,000 to 1,400 cases yearly. Both these gentlemen had been engaged in the tobacco business several years before forming this partnership, and they are a wide awake enterprising firm.

H. O. Warner and Company. This firm consists of H. O. Warner of New Milford; and George and Louis Meyer—sons of Joseph Meyer—of New York, natives of Germany. They pack from 600 to 1,000 cases yearly, and have carried on business in this village for fourteen years, having packed tobacco a few years previous to this time, in Lanesville in this town. Their large warehouse is on Railroad street. The firm is among the first in enterprise and energy.

E. A. Wildman and Company. The firm consists of Julius Bunzel of New York, a native of Germany, and E. A. Wildman of New Milford, with William Green, formerly of Kent but now of New Milford. They pack from 800 to 1,000 cases yearly, and have been in the business in this place over twenty years. Their warehouse is on Bridge street near the railroad. Mr. Green has been associated with the firm about five years.

H. Friedman and P. N. Hall, under this firm name, are packing in Beach's Block, corner of Railroad and Bridge streets, from 500 to 700 cases per annum. These gentlemen have been in the tobacco business for ten years in this place. Mr. Friedman, a native of Germany, resides in New York, and Mr. Hall is a resident of New Milford.

N. Lachenbruch and Brother are a firm residing in New York, and they pack from 500 to 1,000 cases—using Anthony and McMahon's warehouse. They are natives of Germany. George W. Anthony is their agent in this place.

George P. L—— and Company are a New York firm, natives of Germany, and they pack from 500 to 600 cases yearly. Their warehouse is at the South end of Main street, and Sherman H. Hill is their agent in this place.

E. Springham and Company, of New York, natives of Germany, pack tobacco at M. L. Hungerford's, near Gaylordsville in this town. They pack from 1,000 to 1,200 cases per annum. Mr. Hungerford had been in the business several years previous to 1879, when he entered into local partnership with this firm, and he has quite an extensive warehouse near his residence. He is a native of Sherman, Ct.

There are also quite a number of transient packers every year, who conduct their business in New Milford.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THE WAR RECORD.



THE necessity of making a war record in the closing years of the nineteenth century is humiliating and discouraging to the Christian mind, just as the necessity of making a record of criminals has the same effect in the same century. The Rebellion of the Southern States in 1861, was a treasonable and criminal proceeding, in the interest of a national crime against humanity. It was right, therefore, righteous and humane for the United States to put down the Rebellion by force of arms, as it did, although never, probably, in any war, was there so many lives of human beings sacrificed in so short a time.

The war began in 1861 and closed in 1865.

In September, 1861, the town of New Milford voted "to pay for the support of the wife and children, father or mother of those persons who have or may enlist, such sum as," the selectmen might deem necessary.

In 1862 the town voted "a bounty of \$200 for each resident of New Milford who should enlist," for a certain time; and on the 25th of July, 1863, it offered \$300 to each person who might be drafted from this town. In 1864 the town authorized the issue of bonds to the amount of \$21,000, to meet war expenses, and on July 30, 1864, it offered \$500 bounty for each soldier accredited to the town.

With these facts as to the material support of the war, the highest credit due the town may be seen in the list of the soldiers sent out by it, as well as the highest credit due the individual soldiers who "went to the front." No eulogy of words can equal the greatness this record shows.

Upon careful enquiry as to the men who might give some graphic account of some of the battle fields, Capt. Edward W.

Marsh was requested to write such an account, to which he hesitatingly consented, and has performed the work to the entire satisfaction of the author of this book, and which will be the same, he thinks, to all who may read the account.

Edward Williams Marsh, son of Daniel Marsh, was born in New Milford, January 24, 1836; attended the public school until about ten years of age, or until the establishment of a school in what was called for a time the Academy—the building now owned by Mr. B. Jarvis Stone, and Mr. John P. Brace assumed charge of the school, where he attended for a time and then went to the Algar Institute at South Cornwall, two years. After this, one or two terms at the Academy finished his school days.

He then entered the office of the Housatonic Railroad at New Milford station, where his father was Agent, and continued two years and a half; when he was employed a short time in the New Haven Freight Office, and then, in December, 1854, he engaged in the General Freight Office in Bridgeport, where he continued nearly one year, and then engaged as clerk in the old established hardware store of F. Hawley and Company on Water Street, in that city, and continued with that firm seven years. While engaged with this firm he married Amanda Blanden of Burlington, Otsego county, N. Y.

In August, 1862, he enlisted, "for three years or during the war," in the 19th Regiment, Litchfield County Volunteers, which was afterwards changed to the 2d Regiment of Heavy Artillery.

The following is a running sketch of some things he saw, and endured, as a member of this Regiment, and which is in a small part a history of the Regiment.

"I received the appointment of Quartermaster-Sergeant, a Non-Commissioned Staff Officer, and started in that capacity with the Regiment for Washington, D. C., on the 15th of September, 1862.

We arrived at Alexandria, Va., on the 18th, and were stationed near there for eighteen months doing patrol and picket duty in that city. Early in 1863 our regiment was placed in charge of Fort Worth and some of the redoubts in front of Alexandria and were drilled in artillery practice with such proficiency that we were eventually changed to an artillery regiment.

While I remained in the quartermaster department it was part of my duties to visit Washington with a team for supplies at least once a week. This gave me a good opportunity to spend two or three hours (after completing my errands) in the capitol; listening to the senators or representatives as fancy or interest in the debate attracted me, either to the Senate Chamber or House of Representatives. I gladly improved these occasions which enabled me to hear and see the prominent members of Congress during the eventful period of the war.

In March, 1863, I was accidentally wounded, being shot through the head by my own pistol in the hands of Capt. Jones of our regiment, to whom I had loaned it while Sergeant Anderson and myself took a stroll to Fort Lyon. I did not get to Fort Lyon, nor did I see it until the summer of 1863, after I returned to the regiment. I saw its magazine blown into the air fully fifty feet and the débris scattered in all directions. The ordnance-sergeant was never found; a piece of his watch chain was, however, but no one could tell the cause of the disaster. I was taken to regimental hospital in an army wagon. The hospital was in the house owned and occupied by Bishop John or St. John of the Episcopal Church of Virginia. It was a fine roomy mansion, well situated on a rise of land that overlooked Alexandria and the Potomac, the capitol at Washington being plainly visible. I had a room assigned to myself. My wife came on from Connecticut, and by her good nursing and faithful care, assisted by the hospital nurses, all under the charge of Major Plumb the surgeon of our regiment—and to whom I shall always feel indebted for his interest and skill—I quickly regained my health, and in thirty days was able to visit Connecticut on furlough.

While at my father's in New Milford—my family having their home with him while I was in the army—my only child, a daughter of four years, was taken from us by that scourge and terror of all who rear children, diphtheria. This was a crushing sorrow to all of us, and at that time especially trying to my faithful wife, who, owing to my enforced absence, must bear the grief.

We remained at the forts around Washington until the opening of the spring campaign in 1864, when Gen. Grant took command of the Army of the Potomac. We joined the Army of the Potomac in the Wilderness, May 21, 1864, during the

severe fighting which took place there, and were assigned to the Second Brigade of the First Division, Sixth Army Corps. Gen. Wright being in command of the corps, Gen. Sedgwick, the former Corps commander, having been killed a few days previous.

Face to face with the foe brought us new experiences, and made us estimate the hardships of army life at their actual value. Army life and supplies in the forts was one thing, but army life in the field on a campaign was another. All of our regiment, however, were most anxious to be placed in active service. Life at the forts had become monotonous, and all were "spoiling for a fight." We left camp in the best of spirits, well equipped with clothing of all kinds, and camp equipage as complete as allowed in the most favored circumstances by army regulations. I estimated that in the few days, three or four, we were marching from Belle Plain to Fredricksburg, we threw away as a regiment fifteen to twenty thousand dollars worth of clothing, all of which was considered indispensable to the comfort and welfare of a soldier in camp, but became unbearable when it had to be carried every day from morning to night, in addition to rations, cartridges, musket, and accoutrements.

In ten days we were at Cold Harbor, only a few miles from Richmond, and where we received our first baptism of fire as a complete regiment. Before reaching there, detached parties of our regiment had been in a few slight skirmishes, but here we received a storm of shot and shell for ten successive days which gave us the look and experience of veterans. A change of base was soon made, and more marching soon brought us in sight of the steeples at Petersburg. At Belle Plain we received a supply of rations, and I recollect going after those from our company with some men, and seeing a man belonging to some other regiment pass us with a box of hard-tack on his shoulder slip in the mud and the box going out of sight, covered in the mud, and it was left there.

The most interesting period of our active service was the five months we were in the Shenandoah Valley. When the news was circulated that the Sixth Corps was ordered to Washington to repel the attack which threatened the capture of the capital, it was an agreeable change from the sand and heat and dust and poor water in front of Petersburg. After the safety of the city

had been assured it was decided to create the Army of the Shenandoah, comprising the Sixth, Nineteenth, and Eighth Army Corps, Gen. Sheridan being placed in command. The orders were to keep a sharp lookout for the enemy without bringing on a general engagement. These instructions were most faithfully followed, for we were constantly on the war-path, hunting for the enemy, but never finishing the chase. In September, Gen. Sheridan sent word to Gen. Grant that, in his opinion, it was time to push things. Gen. Grant, after a personal visit, coincided and gave his historic order to push things. The result was the battle of Opequan on the 3d—Winchester as most of our regiment preferred to call it.

At this time our regiment was in camp at Clifton, near Berryville. Sunday evening, fifteen or more of the field and line officers were in one of the tents chatting together, one of the number having a furlough, granting him fifteen days' leave of absence. Those present were congratulating him on his good fortune in holding such a favored document, and at the same time bantering him by suggesting that he might find himself going South instead of North. This part of Virginia was at the time full of guerrillas, and very frequently small parties were taken prisoners. It was dangerous to be away from the main body of troops. Small detachments were every few days leaving for Harper's Ferry—the base of supplies. This point once reached, he could make his journey with speed and safety. Tat-too and taps sounded and all was quiet, every one in their own quarters, nothing unusual apparent. At four o'clock, the reveille announced an unusually early call, and after a hasty breakfast, we broke camp and started for Winchester, with orders to take the Berryville Pike.

Very soon after we commenced our march we heard heavy cannonading. The great battle of Opequan had begun. It was about nine o'clock when we arrived, owing to our distance from the battle ground. The First Division of the Sixth Corps was held in reserve, and I believe our brigade was the last of the division brought into action. We were near the center of the line of battle, and as we came within range of the enemy's artillery and while marching along the Pike a solid shot struck one of Co. G's men near the ankle and threw his foot, shoe and

all, fifteen to twenty feet in the air. Soon after this we were turned to the left up a small ravine and were for the first time since we started allowed to get our breath and take a good rest. Our next move was a turn to the right, a short march, and another turn to the right, and we were within musket-range of the enemy. We were obliged to march by the right flank, exposed to the enemy's constant fire, into a piece of woods. This was the most uncomfortable part of the day. We were not allowed to return the fire, and the constant hissing of bullets and occasionally the wounding of some one tried the nerves more than being in the heat of battle.

The next move was forward, across an open lot into a shallow ravine. In going this distance we passed several Johnnies (poor fellows) who, in various positions, had been killed as they contested the ground which was now in our possession. I remember distinctly passing one on his knees with his arms bent on the ground, his head resting on his arms, and his knapsack fastened to his shoulders but turned over his head. In this ravine a corporal next to me had his canteen badly used up by a stray shot, although his person was not harmed.

The next advance was to a rail fence with a piece of woods on our right. Here we opened fire upon the enemy, which we were glad to do as we thought we had taken fire enough for one day without returning it. Very soon along came Gen. Sheridan on his black horse, going to the left of the line. As he passed close behind us, he swung his hat and shouted, "Give them hell, boys, we are driving them at every point." We all cheered him as he passed, and were glad to hear the news. Gen. Upton, our brigade commander, now became very impatient at our slow progress. He called his adjutant and said in a loud voice: "Give my compliments to Gen. Sheridan, and say to him if he will give me command of this front line we will whip them in half an hour." We all cheered this announcement heartily.

Just at this moment, even before we were through with our cheering, an orderly arrived saying: "Gen. Russell is killed, and the command devolves upon you, Gen. Upton." In an instant he waved his sword and shouted—"Forward, men of the Second Brigade," and away we went through a piece of woods right on

to a rebel regiment, and opened a heavy fire. They staid only to present their compliments by one or two rounds, and left the field to us. It was here that Capt. Berry was wounded in the knee. I passed him sitting against a tree. He told me where he was hit. I spoke a few words of cheer to him, shook hands, and said "good bye," little dreaming that in one month from that day he was to be buried. We thought at the time that his wound was not a dangerous one, and that a few weeks in hospital would bring him back all well again.

We now moved forward out of the woods into a large clear space, and the sight was grand. We were now on quite a rise of ground and could see on our right the stars and stripes advancing in-echelon, regiment after regiment, and in fact we could see that we had turned the enemy's left flank and they were moving down the Pike to Winchester as fast as legs could carry them. Never before or afterward did I have such a view of a battle. To the front and left of us was a fort or earthwork which kept up a continual and annoying fire. We were ordered to charge. We made a quick run down the hill, but it cost us dearly. They opened upon us with grape and canister. Major Rice fell cut all to pieces. The colonel's horse was shot under him. The regiment without waiting for orders swung to the left around a knoll, and out of the range of the guns. The colonel asked for the colors. The colors were attached to my company that day. I had just directed them to go with the regiment and lie down. He ordered me to go at once and get the men in line, while I was most anxious to go and lie down with the men. Grape and canister were flying through the air like hail, and for a few moments our advance was checked.

We were soon on our feet again. The rebel fort was vacated, leaving guns and horses. As the sun passed behind the Shenandoah mountains—the rebel army was in full retreat through Winchester. Hundreds of brave men had passed from time into eternity. A great battle had been fought and won. All but six or seven of the fifteen officers who had been talking so cheerily the night before were *hors du combat*, and among them fatally wounded was Lieut. Hubbard, who had the leave of absence in his pocket, and who also had no further use for furlough. He was forever free from march and bivouac. His name is upon the monument that stands on the green in the town of Litchfield.

We slept on the field so lately won, and the next day followed the enemy to Fisher's Hill. I recollect very well our regiment being on picket with skirmishers thrown out—when Generals Sheridan, Wright, and Emery came out together to survey the field. I can see Sheridan now stroking his beard, (he wore a full beard at that time) and saying "this will never do!—this will never do!" After a short conference, the general retired. Soon after we were withdrawn to the rear and made a detour to the right and halted in a piece of woods. The night was one of the darkest. Here we were ordered to throw up breastworks. It was my turn on duty that night, and before morning we had built a respectable line of works for defence. I have often wondered since how we felled those trees promiscuously and continuously right and left without an accident. In the morning we rested. After noon we left our breastworks and moved forward on the brow of a very steep hill. Meanwhile the enemy had got the range of our line of works and were shelling the place we had vacated with light artillery.

Gen. Sheridan had sent his cavalry to flank and if possible capture the artillery, and as soon as the attack was begun we were ordered to charge. We ran down a steep ravine, across and up the opposite side, down a hill, across a railroad, and finally over a stone wall, and very soon the whole rebel army was flying down the valley. This was to me the most exciting experience of the kind in the war. The ravine, the hill, the railroad embankment, the stone wall, was alive with the enemy and they were so hid from our view we were continually in the dark as to their numbers and their movements, while our position was such that to have halted or hesitated would have been fatal. We could not retreat if we would. We must move forward. We must drive out the enemy. The next day at noon an amusing incident occurred. We were at rest waiting for rations. Near us was a pool containing several prisoners. A colored servant of some rebel officer drives up with a horse and wagon and a load of pigs. As he drove into camp his mouth was twice its natural size, and with wide open eye and the broadest grin and in the jolliest mood possible he began, "Da—da—da—that Sheridan is a hell of a disease to them Rebs," and with this speech he turned over the contents of the wagon to the boys. I never could get over the idea of Sheridan's being a "disease to them Rebs!"

Shortly after this we had an exciting chase. We had come up with Early's troops at Mt. Jackson, where they had established a hospital, and we gave chase after them with our three army corps stretched across the entire valley from mountain to mountain. The valley was undulating, and as we reached a rise of ground we could see Early's troops just going over the next rise, and so it continued all the afternoon, our light artillery driving ahead of the infantry, and throwing solid shot or shell after them kept them moving at a lively pace while the infantry followed. We continued this till night put an end to our march and brought us in camp near Harrisonburg. When we returned from Harrisonburg we found a large letter V clear across the valley, and in the enclosure was four-footed beasts of nearly every kind, numbering several thousand head, and the noise of bleating sheep, bellowing calves, grunting pigs, and lowing cattle could be heard as long as they lasted. Every night many were killed and rations issued to the army. This was done that the Rebels might not be able to put an army in the Shenandoah Valley and live there off the supplies of that section.

On one of our hard marches—Corporal Brady of Company I (whose place on the left of his company brought him near to myself on the right of my own)—turned and said to me he would march a half hour longer but not a step farther. After an hour had passed I said "Corporal, I thought you were not going to march—beyond a half-hour!" Immediately, with genuine Irish wit, he replied:—"Oh, it is against my will I am going now." He lost a leg, I think, at Cedar Creek, which, notwithstanding his struggle to live, in a few months terminated his life.

We returned up the valley as far as Cedar Creek. Here we went into camp and remained about three weeks, while Gen. Sheridan made a visit to Washington.

Gen. Early determined to regain his lost laurels by a bold flank movement around our left. On the morning of the 19th, we who were on the extreme right were just ready for breakfast when we heard sharp firing on our left, and with soldier instinct knew that it meant business. We were ordered to fall in, and the order was repeated with unusual sharpness three times. In less than ten minutes we had formed a line and marched double quick to the left and opened fire upon the advancing foe. I had seven

men wounded in less time than it takes to write the fact. We were obliged to fall back by the momentum and vigor of the onset, and even then we were nearly surrounded. I ran up to Col. McKenzie and said "Colonel, it is very imprudent to remain here." "Why," says the Colonel. "Look," I replied, pointing to large numbers of advancing Rebels who were on our left flank firing into us as rapidly as they could and shouting, "surrender you s—— of b——." "Are those Rebels?" asked the Colonel in surprise! "Well then, on retreat march," and retreat we did. We passed a battery of light artillery who were doing good execution, but they were obliged to go with us. The Colonel's horse was shot under him. The heel on one of my boots was struck by a bullet and taken off as neatly as if it had been done by the sharpest axe. I also found a spent bullet in the sleeve of my overcoat, but how or when it came there I know not.

Our regiment, or what was left of it, were thrown out as skirmishers while Gen. Wright, who, in the absence of Sheridan, was chief in command, was forming a new line collecting and reorganizing the routed army. Shortly after we were called in, Gen. Sheridan came riding down the lines and the cheers that rent the air were heard by the Confederates, who thought reinforcements had arrived. They afterwards told us we would not have regained our lost ground but for the heavy reinforcements received by us in the afternoon. All the reinforcement received or needed was Gen. Sheridan, for we had such implicit confidence in him that we were ready to follow wherever he might lead. He sent orders to all troops to encamp upon their old camping-ground that night. This was about 3½ o'clock in the afternoon, and the whole rebel army flushed with the victory and rout of our forces, in the morning lay between us and our camping-ground. The announcement was received with cheers, and after receiving one charge from the enemy we in our turn made a grand rush forward. We were stopped a few moments at a stone-wall, and then the rebels broke and ran and never stopped running that night. Our boys who lay wounded on the field or were captured by the enemy told us that the officers would get the men in line and swing their sabers and shout forward, and the whole line would shout forward, and very soon the Yanks would appear in sight and then they would break and run, and they would

repeat the same effort over again only with less of courage and success each time, until finally they abandoned any further attempts to stem the tide and fled completely routed.

In pursuing the foe our forces became very much scattered. I recollect passing a wounded man lying upon his back, belonging to a Georgia regiment. He told me who he was, wanted to know what would be his fate. I told him "to keep up good courage; he would be picked up after a while and taken good care of." This reassured him. He says, "please straighten out my fingers." I did as requested and left him to hurry on to join our rapidly advancing and now victorious troops. After traveling quite a distance we came up with Gen. Sheridan and the light artillery who were still cannonading and serenading our fugitive confederates. Here he sounded the recall and directed us to make our way to our previous encampment. I had with me some six or eight men belonging to as many different companies in our regiment, and in early candle-light we found our old camp-ground, minus tents and the conveniences we had so hurriedly left in the morning.

Our men were coming in all night, we built camp-fires and tried to sleep, talked of the incidents of the day, and warmed first one side and then the other as we lay around the fire in the open air on that cool October night. The next day we mustered eight officers in the entire regiment: Capt. Jones and Adj. Vaill as field and staff, and six line officers for twelve companies. "D" and "M" were assigned to my care. Near us at headquarters there was a prisoners' camp. Going over there the second day after the battle we saw twelve hundred prisoners getting ready to be taken North. We talked and joked with them about the fortunes and misfortunes of war. Muskets were piled up like cord-wood in long and compact piles, cannon and debris of every sort used in army life was to be found in unnumbered quantities, that had been brought in as part of the trophies of the great victory.

This was the last battle in the Valley of the Shenandoah. We were ordered back near Winchester and directed to prepare winter quarters. We remained through one snow storm a foot or more in depth, and in the month of December the Sixth Corps were transported back in front of Petersburg. Many changes

had taken place during our absence, Grant's railroad had been built and we had our first ride upon it out to either Parke's or Mead station, where we were placed in position towards the left of Gen. Grant's line. The last month we were in the valley was comparatively an easy one. We were resting upon our laurels. Now we were once more on the front line and actively at work.

Our army remained so long in front of Petersburg, that the question of fuel became a serious one. We were permitted to burn rail fences or any other combustible we could find. Not so with the enemy. They must not take a rail from a fence. Should they be found doing such a thing, they must split out a new one and replace it. Lines of fence that run at right angles with our lines of troops, were levied upon by Uncle Sam's boys, and sometimes no little danger was incurred in providing our fuel when on picket. The first business of a picket detail was to see that they had enough wood to last during the twenty-four hours they were on picket duty. As material grew scarce we pulled down those fences that ran from our line to that of the enemy, until we had to go almost over to their side to obtain a rail. I remember one morning five or six of our men going over, and each had secured a rail and placed it on his shoulder to bring into our lines, when the enemy opened a brisk fire upon them. The way the boys dropped those rails and made for our lines was a "picture."

January, 1865, had now appeared on the calendar, and it was evident to every one that the end was drawing near. Frequent desertions, the information given of the shortness of rations and general despondency of the Confederates, all told plainly that theirs was a lost cause. The men on both sides became friendly, talked freely, met half way and by mutual consent acknowledged it neutral ground, played cards together and very frequently our men were asked to assist in escorting a confederate over to our side as a deserter. In fact the desertions were so frequent and numerous as to be a source of alarm and constant anxiety to the officers. A rush of six or ten deserters to our lines followed by a sharp fire from the enemy would bring our men to a ready, but we did not know, especially in the night, whether it was a deserting party or a charge upon us. Sometimes it was the latter but oftener the former. Our lines were constantly extend-

ing to the left farther and farther, until in April Gen. Lee found it imprudent to remain, and the result was Appomattox.

The jubilee that followed was extraordinary. Officers and men turned somersaults, and manifested in every imaginable way their extreme delight at the close of the bloody conflict. Confederate officers visited our camp and talked over the engagements in which each had participated. The best of feeling prevailed. Our Corps was ordered to join Sherman, as Gen. Johnson had not yet surrendered. We marched to Danville, in the extreme southern part of the state, when the news of Johnson's surrender was announced and we were recalled to Burkeville. Soon after we were ordered to Richmond. In early June we were marched from Richmond to Washington.

We joined in the second grand review at Washington, presented arms to President Johnson, and then our days of marching were numbered. The end had come at last. So soon as it could be done our regiment was mustered out of service. I was honorably discharged within a week of three years from the time I enlisted. I assisted a brother officer to close his accounts, that he might obtain an honorable discharge and secure his back pay. I arrived in New Milford in August, 1865, made a short visit West in September and on the first of November in the same year. Made an engagement with the Spring Perch Company of Bridgeport, Conn., and have remained in active service in that company until the present writing.

A Record of the Soldiers who enlisted from New Milford.

The following list of soldiers has been collected with much care by continuous inquiry for three or four months by Mr. Charles H. Noble, upon special request of the author of this work, and the result is a record very nearly complete, both as to the soldiers who enlisted from this town, and those now resident in it, but who enlisted from other towns. The intention has been to make the list so complete that not one should be left out, but if it shall be found that any one name is not here that should be, if the persons having knowledge of such fact will inform the author, and give the items, he will without cost cause the name or names and items to be printed on a slip of paper which can be pasted in the books after it is published.

- Allen, Charles J.**, Musician Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Discharged, disability, May 12, 1862. Re-enlisted, private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Deserted, Nov. 18, 1862.
- Allen, William**, Private Co. A, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 2, 1863. Deserted Aug. 10, 1864.
- Anderson, Charles F.**, Sergeant Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 13, 1862. Promoted 2d Lieut. Appointed by the President 1st Lieut. by Brevet for gallant and meritorious services before Petersburg, and at the battle of Little Sailor's Creek, Va., to date from April 6, 1865. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865. Died April 22, 1873, Bridgeport, Conn.
- Atkins, James**, Private Co. D, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 14, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Batley, Andrew E.**, Musician Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 9, 1862. Mustered out May 18, 1865. Died Dec. 20, 1872, New Milford.
- Batley, Joseph A.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Baldwin, David A.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Dec. 24, 1863. Promoted 1st Lieut. Mustered out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Baldwin, Francis E.**, Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Tenn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Banker, Miles N.**, Wagoner Co. E, 12th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, Dec. 15, 1863.
- Banker, Philo**, Private Co. I, 13th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 11, 1862. Re-enlisted Veteran. Transferred to Co. B. Died May 6, 1865. New Milford.
- Bartram, Andrew**, Private Co. I, 17th Reg't Inf't., March 24, 1864. Transferred to Co. C. Deserted Aug., 1864.
- Bartram, Ashbel E.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran Dec. 24, 1863. Discharged, disability, Aug. 23, 1865.
- Bartram, Charles E.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Bartram, Charles M.**, Private Co. I, 14th Reg't Inf't., July 21, 1862. Missing in action May 3, 1863, Chancellorsville, Va. Supposed dead.
- Bartram, Ferdinand S.**, Regimental Band, 4th Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Bartram, Oscar F.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Discharged, disability, May 11, 1862.
- Beardsley, Daniel S.**, Petty Officer, U. S. N., U. S. Steamer Fort Henry, April 5, 1862. Discharged, disability, Jan. 6, 1864.
- Becman, Charles E.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 3, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Beeman, John A.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 10, 1863. Discharged, disability, May 31, 1864. Died June 16, 1869, New Milford.
- Becman, Rufus**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 7, 1863. Mustered out July 14, 1865. Died Oct. 30, 1880, New Milford.
- Benedict, William E.**, Private Co. C, 17th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 14, 1862. Died Nov. 17, 1863.
- Bennett, George D.**, Private Co. I, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out June 23, 1865.

- Bemus, Charles F.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Killed June 14, 1863, Port Hudson, La.
- Bennoit, Antoine**, Private Co. H, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 29, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Birch, George**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburg, Md.
- Bishop, Orange P.**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Deserted April 4, 1863. Died Oct. 31, 1864, New Milford.
- Booth, Charles M.**, Regimental Band, 4th Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862. Re-enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, 1st Lieut. Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't. From June 14, 1863, Lieut. commanding company. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Booth, Henry**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Breen, John**, Private Co. K, 15th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 19, 1864. Transferred to 7th Reg't Inf't. Mustered out July 20, 1865.
- Briggs, Daniel**, Private Co. D, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, May 24, 1862.
- Brigham, Charles**, Private Co. D, 6th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Deserted Nov. 9, 1864.
- Bright, John**, Private Co. A, 7th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 30, 1864. Deserted March 23, 1865.
- Brinnell, Charles**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 15, 1862. Discharged, disability, May 29, 1863. Died March 3, 1873, New Milford.
- Bronson, Andrew A.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Nov. 14, 1862. Deserted Aug. 11, 1865. Died April 13, 1870, Bridgeport, Conn.
- Bronson, Charles R.**, Private Rifle Co. C, 3d Reg't Inf't., May 14, 1861. Mustered out Aug. 12, 1861.
- Bronson, Doctor**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., July 27, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Bronson, Francis H.**, Private, 14th Reg't Inf't., U. S. A., Aug. 9, 1861. Mustered out Aug. 9, 1864.
- Bronson, William N.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died July 28, 1863, Baton Rouge, La.
- Brown, Jackson J.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Feb. 29, 1864. Mustered out July 28, 1865.
- Brush, Joseph**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged Sept. 20, 1864.
- Buck, Andrew N.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, May 11, 1862. Died Feb. 5, 1872, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio.
- Buckingham, Andrew**, Sergeant Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Discharged, disability, Oct. 25, 1862.
- Buckingham, Clark**, Regimental Band, 4th Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Buckingham, Earle**, Leader, with rank of 2d Lieut. of Inf't., of Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Buckingham, Irwin C.**, Private Co. I, 14th Reg't Inf't., June 9, 1862. Transferred to Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Discharged, disability, May 24, 1865. Died June 18, 1869, New Milford.

- Buckingham, Orlo H.**, Musician Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 14, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865. Died Sept. 15, 1874, New Milford.
- Burk, Joseph**, Private Co. A, 10th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 2, 1864. Deserted June 15, 1865.
- Burke, Nicholas**, Private Co. M, 2d Reg't H. Art., Feb. 10, 1864. Deserted March 25, 1865.
- Burns, Edward**, Private Co. C, 8th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 19, 1864. Deserted March 21, 1865.
- Burr, Thomas**, Private Co. B, 29th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 11, 1863. Discharged May 28, 1864.
- Cady, Cyrel**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Dishonorably discharged Dec. 28, 1863.
- Caldwell, Smith P.**, Private Co. K, 13th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Discharged, disability, Jan. 19, 1863.
- Culnen, Thomas**, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 4, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Camp, Edwin**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 8, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Camp, Edwin T.**, Private Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Discharged, disability, Feb. 17, 1863.
- Campbell, James**, Private Co. A, 5th Reg't Inf't., July 22, 1861. Re enlisted Veteran Dec. 21, 1863. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Canfield, William E.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, Aug. 25, 1864.
- Curman, George**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Deserted Nov. 1, 1863.
- Carpenter, George E.**, Sergeant Co. F, 29th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 28, 1863. Discharged, disability, May 22, 1864.
- Carroll, Edward**, Private Co. H, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 24, 1864. Not taken up on rolls.
- Clark, Titus**, Corporal Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Cleggett, Lewis A.**, Corporal Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Died Dec. 25, 1864, Point of Rocks, Va.
- Cole, Ferdinand**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 17, 1863. Deserted July 30, 1865.
- Cole, Henry S.**, Private Co. D, 7th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 5, 1861. Re enlisted Veteran Dec. 22, 1863. Deserted Nov. 11, 1864.
- Cole, Hobart**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 15, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Conlan, John**, Private Co. K, 14th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Discharged, disability, Dec. 8, 1863.
- Connelly, Daniel**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 8, 1862. Discharged, disability, May 15, 1864.
- Copley, George D.**, Regimental Band, of the 4th Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Corcoran, William**, Private Co. D, 20th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 26, 1864. Transferred to 5th Reg't Inf't. Deserted while on way to regiment.

- Cronkwright, Alexander**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1862. Died June 13, 1863, Barrancas, Fla.
- Cummings, James P.**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Disbrow, David B.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, Jan. 15, 1863. Re-enlisted Aug. 15, 1863, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865. Died June 30, 1867, Fort Edward, N. Y.
- Disbrow, Henry S.**, Corporal Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged Jan. 8, 1863.
- Disbrow, William E.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Dix, William**, Private Co. E, 8th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 17, 1864. Shot for desertion June 8, 1865.
- Doane, Edward**, Private Co. D, 13th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 22, 1862. Discharged, disability, June 10, 1863.
- Dodge, Robert**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 8, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Driscoll, Cornelius**, Private Co. G, 1st Reg't Cavalry, April 19, 1864. Deserted.
- DuBols, Hiram**, Corporal Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Discharged Nov. 17, 1862.
- Dunham, Benjamin F.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 9, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Durand, William**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 20, 1864. Deserted Aug. 25, 1865.
- Dutcher, William P.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran Dec. 24, 1863. Discharged, disability, July 15, 1865.
- Erwin, George S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 9, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Erwin, Robert**, Private Co. II, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 4, 1864. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Evans, James H.**, Wagoner Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran. Transferred to Co. E. Mustered out April 25, 1866.
- Evlitts, Oliver B.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Farrell, John**, Private Co. I, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 22, 1864. Deserted Feb. 18, 1865.
- Farrell, William**, Private Co. A, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 12, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Ferriss, Hilliard**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Died July 27, 1862, New Milford.
- Ferriss, Jay**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died June 1, 1863, New Orleans, La.
- Ferriss, John**, Private Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1861. Discharged Jan. 6, 1865.
- Ferriss, Robert**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburgh, Md.

- Ferriss, Stephen C.**, Sergeant Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1862. Discharged, disability, Feb. 28, 1863.
- Finn, John**, Private Co. I, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 22, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Fisher, James**, Private Co. I, 14th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 2, 1864. Deserted Aug. 14, 1864.
- Ford, Aaron N.**, Musician Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died May 22, 1863, Brashear City, La.
- Ford, Charles**, Musician Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, Dec. 5, 1862. Died May 15, 1874, New Milford.
- Franklin, Henry J.**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- French, Francis L.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Fuller, Alfred E.**, Musician Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Garlick, Charles**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Discharged Sept. 21, 1864.
- Gaylord, Charles H.**, Sergeant Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 17, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran. Promoted 2d Lieut. Appointed by the President 1st Lieut. by Brevet for gallant and meritorious services at Port Hudson, La., to date from March 13, 1865. Mustered out April 25, 1866.
- Goodsell, Jerome**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1862. Deserted Nov. 16, 1862.
- Graves, Franklin S.**, Private Co. B, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 8, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Green, George A.**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Gregg, John**, Private Co. H, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 19, 1864. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Gregory, Charles B.**, Corporal Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died July 30, 1863, Baton Rouge, La.
- Gridley, Henry S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Discharged, disability, April 3, 1865.
- Griffin, Edward**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Killed June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va.
- Harrington, George W.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 21, 1863. Died Feb. 25, 1864, Alexandria, Va.
- Hartwell, Willis**, Private Co. II, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 1, 1864. Died Oct. 28, 1864, fever, Martinsburgh, Va.
- Hatch, Calvin B.**, Sergeant Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 5, 1862. Promoted 2d Lieut. Killed June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va.
- Heacock, Richard**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Mustered out June 26, 1865. Died Sept. 13, 1868, New Milford.
- Healey, James**, Private Co. A, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 23, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Higgins, John**, Private Co. I, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Deserted Oct. 1, 1863.

- Hill, Samuel R., Jr.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 12, 1862. Mustered out May 26, 1863.
- Hine, Frederick R.**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Died Feb. 1, 1864, Alexandria, Va.
- Hiss, Christian**, Private Co. G, 10th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 12, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Hoag, David D.**, Captain Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 23, 1863. Killed June 14, 1863, Port Hudson, La.
- Hoag, George W.**, Private Co. I, 6th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 5, 1861. Wounded May 16, 1864, Drury's Bluff, Va. Discharged Sept. 11, 1864.
- Hodge, Homer W.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 15, 1863. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, Jan. 10, 1865.
- Hoffman, Herman**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 18, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Hoyt, Charles A.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., July 22, 1863. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Deserted Aug. 2, 1865.
- Hoyt, Demmon**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Hoyt, Henry R.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 9, 1862. Promoted 1st Lieutenant March 2, 1865. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Hoyt, Horatio S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Hunt, Gideon L.**, Private Co. G, 23d Reg't Inf't., Oct. 29, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 31, 1863. Died Dec. 13, 1881, New Milford.
- Hunt, Merritt**, Musician Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Hurd, Charles A.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't, H. Art., Aug. 15, 1863. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
- Hurd, Robert B.**, Private Co. E, 1st Reg't H. Art., May 23, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Nov. 11, 1863. Deserted July 28, 1865.
- Hutchinson, John**, Private Co. I, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out July 7, 1865. Died Sept. 7, 1869, Osage Mission, Kansas.
- Irwin, Charles N.**, Sergeant Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Promoted 2d Lieutenant Co. E, Oct. 29, 1863. Killed Sept. 29, 1864, Chapin's Farm, Va.
- Jacklin, Philip H.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Died Sept. 23, 1862, Newbern, N. C.
- Jackson, Charles W.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Killed June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va.
- Jackson, Henry F.**, Private Co. C, 29th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 14, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Jamke, August**, Private Co. B, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 26, 1864. Deserted Sept. 16, 1865.
- Jennings, Alvin H.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged Sept. 21, 1864.
- Jennings, David J.**, Private Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 25, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.

- Jennings, Jay**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, Dec. 10, 1862.
- Jones, Horace E.**, Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Judson, Charles**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Karge, Earnest**, Private Co. C, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 25, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Kinney, Andrew S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Discharged, disability, Feb. 6, 1863.
- Knowles, David W.**, Private Co. C, 1st Reg't Cavalry, Dec. 9, 1861. Re-enlisted Jan. 23, 1863, Hospital Steward, U. S. A., with rank of Sergeant of Ordnance. Discharged Nov. 8, 1865.
- Knowles, James N.**, Private Co. C, 1st Reg't Cavalry, Dec. 9, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran Dec. 17, 1863. Promoted 2d Lieut. Mustered out Aug. 2, 1865.
- Lake, David**, Corporal Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Sharpsburgh, Md.
- Lamson, Charles E.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 20, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Lamson, Frederick G.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 10, 1861. Discharged, disability, Feb. 3, 1863. Re-enlisted Jan. 5, 1864, Private Co. C, 2d Reg't H. Art. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865. Died April 3, 1874, New Milford.
- Lamson, William**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died July 21, 1863, Port Hudson, La.
- Lapoint, Joseph**, Private Co. E, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 15, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Lathrop, Heman S.**, Private Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 17, 1863. Mustered out June 23, 1865.
- Lathrop, Orrin F.**, Private Co. F, 6th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 7, 1861. Discharged Sept. 11, 1864.
- Lathrop, William G.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 30, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Law, Sidney A.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Died June 29, 1865, New Milford.
- Lawrence, Thomas**, Private Co. E, 8th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 17, 1864. Transferred to Co. A, 10th Reg't Inf't., June 21, 1865. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Lefevre, Adolph**, Private Co. D, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 18, 1864. Mustered out June 24, 1865.
- Logan, Frederick J.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Discharged, disability, April 12, 1863.
- Logan, George E.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Oct. 1, 1861. Died Nov. 15, 1862, Weavertown, Md.
- Loveridge, Joseph R.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 17, 1863. Died Sept. 12, 1864, Chronic Dysentery, Washington, D. C.
- Loveridge, Remus**, Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Loveridge, Romulus C.**, Sergeant Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 14, 1862. Discharged to accept appointment in U. S. C. V., July 18, 1863.
- Loveridge, Royal I.**, Private Co. E, 1st Reg't H. Art., April 8, 1862. Transferred to Invalid Corps Jan. 15, 1864. Discharged April 8, 1865.

- Lyon, Edward F.**, Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Lyons, James**, Private Co. D, 1st Reg't H. Art., Dec. 2, 1864. Deserted May 21, 1865.
- Mallett, Henry W.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 21, 1863. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Malloy, William**, Private Co. L, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 23, 1864. Died August 22, 1864.
- Marsh, Albert N.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 18, 1864. Mustered out July 21, 1864. Died Jan. 20, 1882, Pewano, Mich.
- Marsh, Charles H.**, Private Co. H, 1st Reg't Inf't., April 23, 1861. Mustered out July 31, 1861. Re-enlisted Corporal Co. D, 1st Reg't Cavalry, Nov. 2, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Jan. 19, 1864. Received Star of Honor for capturing a black flag. Mustered out Aug. 2, 1865. Died Jan. 25, 1867, Pawling, N. Y.
- Marsh, Daniel E.**, Sergeant Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Promoted Capt. but not mustered. Mustered out as second Lieut. Aug. 18, 1865.
- Marsh, Decatur D.**, Corporal Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Died April 12, 1863, Barrancas, Fla.
- Marsh, Edward W.**, Q. M. Sergeant, 2d Reg't Heavy Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Promoted Captain Company M, Feb. 17, 1864. Mustered out July 20, 1865.
- Marsh, George W.**, Private 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1863. Not taken up on rolls.
- Marsh, Irwin G.**, Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- Marsh, Phillip G.**, Private Co. I, 5th Reg't Artillery U. S. A., Sept., 1861. Mustered out Oct., 1864.
- McBath, David**, Private Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 30, 1863. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- McHenry, Hugh**, Private Co. A, 1st Reg't H. Art., Dec. 1, 1864. Deserted July 29, 1865.
- McKeegan, William**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 18, 1863. Deserted July 10, 1865.
- McLoy, John**, Private Co. C, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Deserted Jan. 15, 1865.
- McMahon, Joseph**, Private Co. G, 28th Reg't New York State Vols., 1861. Re-enlisted Sergeant Co. A, 2d Reg't Mounted Rifles New York State Vols. Died July 17, 1864, New Milford, Conn.
- McMahon, Michael, 2d**, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 2, 1864. Wounded Aug. 11, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865. Died May 28, 1876, Danbury, Conn.
- McMahon, Michael, 3d**, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 4, 1864. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Mehan, John**, Private Co. H, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 26, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Meney, Francis**, Private Co. A, 13th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 16, 1864. Mustered out April 25, 1866.
- Merwin, Garwood R.**, Sergeant Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 5, 1862. Died Jan. 25, 1863, typhoid fever, Alexandria, Va.

- Mintzh, John T.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Re-enlisted Dec. 21, 1863, in Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art. Mustered out June 17, 1865.
- Monroe, Edward**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 24, 1863. Discharged, disability, Jan. 25, 1864.
- Monroe, John**, Private Co. A, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 23, 1864. Discharged, disability, Nov. 11, 1865.
- Moore, Frank**, Private Co. I, 10th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 8, 1864. Deserted March 8, 1865.
- Morehouse, Frank L.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Morehouse, Henry S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 21, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Morehouse, Lyman F.**, Private Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 12, 1862. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, June 21, 1865. Died in hospital 1882, New Haven, Conn.
- Morgan, William**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Deserted Nov. 1, 1863.
- Morrison, William E. L.**, Sergeant Co. I, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Died Nov. 12, 1864, Fortress Monroe, Va., of wounds received Oct. 27, 1864, Kell House, Va.
- Mosher, James D.**, Corporal Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 17, 1861. Died Aug. 6, 1863, Brashear City, La.
- Mosher, Lewis W.**, Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, May 24, 1865.
- Munson, John**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 15, 1862. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Died of wounds Aug. 30, 1864, New Haven, Conn.
- Murphy, Michael**, Private Co. C, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 12, 1863. Deserted Nov. 1, 1863.
- Nichols, Ezra L.**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 16, 1864. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Nichols, Orlando**, Private Co. G, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 19, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Noble, Andrew B.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Noble, Henry C.**, Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 5, 1862. Discharged disability, Feb. 4, 1865.
- Northrop, Lawrence**, Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862.
- O'Callaghan, Timothy O.**, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 5, 1864. Killed Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va.
- Odell, John**, Private Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran. Transferred Co. E. Mustered out April 25, 1866.
- O'Neil, William**, Private Co. E, 10th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 14, 1864. Died April 2, 1865, of wounds received in action.
- Parks, Joseph P.**, Sergeant Co. A, 2d Reg't Heavy Art., Aug. 2, 1862. Killed June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va.

- Phillips, Chester**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Killed Sept. 23, 1864, Petersburg, Va.
- Phillips, Henry**, Private Co. I, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 27, 1861. Deserted Dec. 16, 1861.
- Pike, Luther M.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Plumb, Alonzo**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Died Sept., 1863, Mattoon, Ill.
- Plumb, Harvey G.**, Private Co. I, 123d Reg't Inf't., N. Y. Vols. Enlisted 1863. Mustered out 1865. Died Oct. 31, 1881, New Milford, Conn.
- Plumb, Henry**, Surgeon 2d Reg't Heavy Art., Aug. 16, 1862. Discharged Aug. 12, 1865.
- Potter, George D.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 8, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Potter, George H.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Mustered out June 12, 1865. Died Feb. 4, 1868, Southington, Conn.
- Purdy, Charles**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, April 4, 1864. Died Feb. 26, 1869, Sherman, Conn.
- Randolph, Henry J.**, Private Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865. Left sick at Brownsville, Texas. Probably died there.
- Read, Herbert H.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 12, 1862. Died July 4, 1864, Andersonville Prison, Ga.
- Rice, Levi**, Private ——— 2d Reg't H. Art., Oct. 6, 1863. Deserted Dec. 30, 1863.
- Rouche, Thomas**, Private Co. D, 8th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 16, 1864. Deserted Dec. 2, 1864.
- Roberts, Andrew**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Died March 8, 1862, Newbern, N. C.
- Roberts, Henry M.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Died April 6, 1862, Newbern, N. C.
- Roberts, William J.**, 1st Lieut. Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Promoted Capt. May 5, 1862. Wounded Sept. 29, 1864, Chapin's Farm, Va. Discharged, disability, Jan. 31, 1865. Died June 30, 1870, New Milford.
- Rogers, Austin V.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 15, 1863. Mustered out July 10, 1865.
- Root, Nathan H.**, Private Co. II, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 12, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Ruby, Eli**, Private Co. D, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, March 17, 1862.
- Ruby, George M.**, Private Co. D, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 22, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Feb. 8, 1864. Deserted Aug. 27, 1864.
- Sanford, Isaac L.**, Private Co. A, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 12, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Savage, Edwin P.**, Private Co. G, 8th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 11, 1864. Deserted Aug. 19, 1865.
- Schultz, Myron W.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Discharged, disability, Feb. 24, 1862. Re-enlisted Aug. 23, 1862, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864, Private Co. M, 2d Reg't H. Art. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.

- Sherman, Lurtus S.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 14, 1862. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Sherwood, Asahel**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Died Jan. 11, 1864, New Milford.
- Sherwood, Ruben H.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865. Died Aug. 14, 1877, New Milford.
- Shook, Louis**, Private Co. E, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Deserted July 24, 1865.
- Shove, Henry**, Sergeant Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- Smith, Charles H.**, Private Co. K, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 16, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Smith, William, 1st**, Private Co. F, 10th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 19, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Soule, David E.**, Corporal Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Promoted 2d Lieut. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Soule, Henry A.**, Regimental Band, 4th Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862. Re-enlisted Sept. 6, 1862, Corporal Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't. Discharged July 23, 1863, for re-enlistment in Gen. N. P. Banks' Bodyguard. Discharged Dec. 5, 1865.
- Sparks, Edwin**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Transferred to Invalid Corps March 16, 1864.
- Spengler, Edward**, Private Co. E, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Killed Sept. 29, 1864, Chapin's Farm, Va.
- Stephens, Edgar**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 30, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Stephens, Henry L.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Died Sept. 23, 1863, New Milford.
- Stephenson, William**, Private Co. A, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 18, 1863. Deserted July 11, 1865.
- Sterling, Homer**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 19, 1863. Discharged, disability, April 18, 1864. Died Jan. 15, 1865, New Milford.
- Stevens, Franklin B.**, Private Co. B, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 19, 1863. Killed June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va.
- Stevens, George**, Private Co. E, 6th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 15, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 21, 1865.
- Stevens, William H.**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Dec. 30, 1863. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, June 6, 1865.
- Stokes, Henry**, Private Co. A, 5th Reg't Inf't., July 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, Jan. 30, 1862.
- Tallman, Martin V.**, Corporal Co. K, 29th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 5, 1864. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Tarr, James**, Private Co. E, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 25, 1864. Deserted July 7, 1865.
- Taylor, Joseph**, Private Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Dec. 17, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran. Transferred Co. E. Mustered out April 25, 1866.
- Thayer, Edward A.**, Private Co. F, 20th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 16, 1862. Deserted Sept. 9, 1862.

- Thayer, John Q.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 21, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Dec. 24, 1863. Mustered out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Thompson, Edward E.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Mustered out June 22, 1865.
- Tybbetts, Charles E.**, 2d Lieut. Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Feb. 18, 1862. Promoted 1st Lieut. Resigned May 11, 1864.
- Treat, Frederick M.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Re-enlisted July 24, 1863, in Gen. N. P. Banks' Body-guard.
- Turrill, Henry S.**, 2d Asst. Surgeon 17th Reg't Inf't., Jan. 22, 1864. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Van Anden, William**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 28, 1862. Re-enlisted July 23, 1863, in Gen. N. P. Banks' Body-guard. Mustered out June, 1866. Dead.
- Vanderwater, William G.**, Private Co. H, 13th Reg't Inf't., March 5, 1862. Wounded April 14, 1863, Irish Bend, La. Discharged Jan. 6, 1865.
- Van Lone, Peter**, Private Co. D, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Mustered out Dec. 12, 1865.
- Voary, Charles**, Private Co. D, 11th Reg't Inf't., Nov. 28, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 21, 1865.
- Walden, Edward**, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 1, 1864. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Walker, Albert**, Private Co. D, 7th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 5, 1861. Died Sept. 18, 1863, Morris Island, S. C.
- Warner, William C.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Died Dec. 23, 1862, typhoid fever, Alexandria, Va.
- Waters, Alexander**, Private Co. C, 3d Reg't Inf't., May 14, 1861. Discharged Aug. 12, 1861. Re-enlisted from Canaan, Private Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., Jan. 14, 1864. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Discharged, disability, March 18, 1865.
- Waters, Frank**, Private Co. G, 17th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 19, 1864. Mustered out July 19, 1865.
- Way, Charles A.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 7, 1862. Wounded Sept. 19, 1864, Winchester, Va. Mustered out June 20, 1865.
- Welch, Patrick, 1st**, Private Co. F, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 2, 1863. Transferred U. S. Navy, April 27, 1864.
- Weller, Chester A.**, Regimental Band, 4th Reg't Penn. Cavalry, Oct. 18, 1861. Discharged Aug. 18, 1862. Re-enlisted July 20, 1863, Private Co. B, 2d Reg't H. Art. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Wentworth, Hiram**, Private 1st Light Battery, Nov. 16, 1861. Deserted Jan. 24, 1862.
- Wentworth, Jacob**, Private Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded June 1, 1864, Cold Harbor, Va. Died of wounds June 20, 1864, Alexandria, Va.
- Wenzenger, Daniel**, Private Co. B, 8th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 11, 1864. Killed Sept. 29, 1864, Chapin's Farm, Va.
- Wiedmore, Paul**, Private Co. D, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Deserted Sept. 10, 1863.
- Wiley, James**, Private Co. D, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 1, 1863. Deserted Dec. 1, 1863.

- Williams, Burr**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 1, 1862. Discharged, disability, March 27, 1865.
- Williams, George S.**, Captain Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 1, 1862. Resigned March 16, 1864. Died June 9, 1880, Ottawa, Ill.
- Williams, James**, Private Co. A, 5th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 19, 1863. Deserted Oct. 2, 1863.
- Williams, John F.**, Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 6, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Wilson, John**, Private Co. C, 20th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 22, 1864. Transferred to 5th Reg't Inf't. Deserted while on way to regiment.
- Wooden, Charles E.**, Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., Aug. 25, 1862. Died July 17, 1863, New Orleans, La., of wounds received at Fort Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.
- Woodruff, Theron M.**, Private Co. I, 2d Reg't H. Art., Aug. 24, 1863. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Worden, Richard J.**, Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Sept. 27, 1861. Re-enlisted Veteran, Dec. 24, 1863. Killed May 7, 1864, Walthall Junction, Va.

RESIDENTS OF NEW MILFORD, SINCE THE WAR, WHO ENLISTED FROM OTHER TOWNS.

- Andrew, James S.**, Died May 15, 1881, New Milford, Conn.
- Anthony, George W.**, Brookfield, Conn. Musician Co. C, 23d Reg't Inf't., C. V., Aug. 25, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 31, 1863.
- Anthony, John H., Jr.**, Danbury, Conn. Private Co. G, 1st Reg't Engineers, N. Y. Vols., Sept. 9, 1864. Mustered out July 3, 1865. Died Nov. 23, 1872, New Milford.
- Bacon, J. Knight**, New Haven, Conn. Medical Cadet, U. S. A., Jan. 2, 1862. Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., May 8, 1862. Assistant Surgeon, U. S. N., March 2, 1864. Discharged Oct. 17, 1865.
- Blinn, Charles D.**, Cornwall, Conn. Captain Co. C, 13th Reg't Inf't., Conn. Vols., Feb. 18, 1862. Promoted to Lieut.-Colonel and then to Colonel. Mustered out Jan. 6, 1865.
- Boughton, John B.**, Bridgeport, Conn. Corporal 2d Light Battery, C. V., July 29, 1862. Discharged, disability, June 9, 1865.
- Bowne, William H.**, Sharon, Conn. Private Co. G, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., Aug. 7, 1862. Wounded Oct. 19, 1864, Cedar Creek, Va. Mustered out June 1, 1865.
- Brewster, James W.**, Kent, Conn. Corporal Co. I, 29th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Jan. 4, 1864. Wounded Sept. 29, 1864, Fort Harrison, Va. Discharged, disability, July 25, 1865.
- Cady, Henry**, North Lee, Mass. Private Co. A, 10th Reg't Inf't., Mass. Vols., June 21, 1861. Discharged July 1, 1864. Re-enlisted March 1, 1865, Private Co. B, 8th Veteran Reg't Inf't., Vermont Vols. Discharged June 28, 1865.
- Canfield, Robert A.**, See Bridgewater.
- Capron, James B.**, Sharon, Conn. Private Co. G, 2d Reg't Inf't., C. V., Aug. 8, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.

- Clark, Nelson**, Cornwall, Conn. Private Co. G, 2d H. Art., C. V., Aug. 13, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Cummings, George D.**, See Bridgewater.
- Dunbar, George A.**, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Private Co. C, 26th Reg't Inf't., N. Y. State Vols., February, 1863. Mustered out September, 1864.
- Gaffney, John**, Easton, Penn., Private Co. H, 214th Reg't Inf't., Penn. Vols., March 23, 1865. Mustered out March 21, 1866.
- Gardner, Franklin**, Sherman, Conn., Private Co. B, 13th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Dec. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, June 27, 1862.
- Godfrey, Isaac W.**, Oregon City, Ill. Private Co. D, 39th Reg't Inf't., Ill. Vols., Aug. 21, 1861. Re-enlisted as Veteran at Hilton Head, S. C., Dec. 31, 1863. Wounded July 16, 1864, Deep Bottom, Va. Promoted 1st Lieut. July 1864. Mustered out July 20, 1865.
- Gray, Theodore J.**, Adams, Mass., Musician, Co. E, 31st Reg't Inf't., Mass. Vols., Dec. 10, 1861. Mustered out Dec. 10, 1864.
- Harrington, John R.**, Warren, Conn., Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., Aug. 6, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Hawley, Morris F.**, Sherman, Conn., Private Co. D, 28th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Sept. 1, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 28, 1863.
- James, Jesse L.**, New Fairfield, Conn., Private Co. E, 1st Reg't Inf't., C. V., April 19, 1861. Discharged July 31, 1861. Re-enlisted March 11, 1862, Artificer Co. B, 1st Reg't H. Art., C. V. Discharged March 13, 1865.
- Johnson, James R.**, Canaan, Conn., Corporal Co. K, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., July 24, 1862. Wounded Oct. 9, 1863, Fairfax C. H., Va. Discharged, disability, Jan. 12, 1864.
- Kelly, James G.**, New York City, Private Co. C, 133d Reg't Inf't., New York Vols., Aug. 15, 1862. Mustered out June 6, 1865.
- Kinney, Henry**, Northboro, Mass., Private Co. C, 15th Reg't Inf't., Mass. Vols., July — 1861. Discharged, disability.
- Leonard, John**, Sharon, Conn., Private Co. A, 9th Reg't Inf't., Conn. Vols., Sept. 27, 1861. Wounded March, 1862, Biloxi, La. Discharged, disability, Oct. 14, 1862.
- Leviness, William L.**
- Lewis, Birdsey E.**, Newtown, Conn., Private Co. G, 11th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Dec. 1, 1861. Wounded Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md. Discharged, disability, Dec. 20, 1862.
- Manville, Hiram**, Bridgeport, Conn., Private 2d Light Battery, C. V., Aug. 4, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 9, 1865.
- Nearing, Bruce M.**, Brookfield, Conn., Private Co. I, 8th Reg't Inf't., Conn. Vols., Aug. 2, 1864. Discharged Dec. 29, 1864.
- Netsner, Max**, Hartford, Conn., Private Co. G, 16th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Aug. 8, 1862. Wounded Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md. Discharged, disability, April 23, 1863.
- Palmer, William S.**, Cornwall, Conn., Private Co. G, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., Dec. 29, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Petersen, Peter**, Bridgeport, Conn., Artificer, 2d Light Battery, C. V., Aug. 16, 1862. Discharged, disability, Sept. 28, 1864.
- Pfleggar, Ferdinand**, New Haven, Conn., Private Co. K, 27th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Sept. 6, 1862. Mustered out July 27, 1863. Re-enlisted as substitute Private Co. A, 1st Reg't H. Art., C. V., Aug. 8, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 25, 1865.

- Reading, Richard**, New Haven, Conn., Sergeant Co. G, 1st Battalion 14th Reg't Inf't., U. S. A., Oct. 10, 1861. Wounded July 1, 1862, at Malvern Hill, at second battle of Bull Run, and Aug. 21, 1864, at Weldon Railroad. Mustered out Oct. 10, 1864.
- Sharpe, John B.**, Dane, Wis., Corporal Co. C, 1st Reg't H. Art., Wisconsin Vols., Oct. 18, 1863. Transferred for disability to hospital service. Mustered out May 3, 1865.
- Smith, Gad N.**, Cornwall, Conn., Sergeant Co. G, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., July 30, 1862. Promoted Captain. Appointed by the President Major by Brevet for gallant and meritorious services before Petersburg, Va., to date from April 2, 1865. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865.
- Titus, Jerome**, Washington, Conn., Private Co. H, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., Aug. 7, 1862. Mustered out July 7, 1865.
- Twiss, William L.**, North Canaan, Conn., Sergeant Co. F, 2d Reg't H. Art., C. V., Aug. 15, 1862. Promoted 1st Lieut. Mustered out Aug. 18, 1865. Died Jan. 13, 1870, New Milford, Conn.
- Walling, Henry K.**, Kent, Conn., Private Co. D, 10th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Oct. 29, 1861. Re-enlisted veteran Jan. 1, 1864. Mustered out Aug. 25, 1865.
- Wheeler, Almon L.**, Sharon, Conn., Corporal Co. F, 29th Reg't Inf't., C. V., Nov. 21, 1863. Mustered out Oct. 24, 1865.
- Whitlock, William W.**, Woodbury, Conn., Private Co. G, 1st Reg't H. Art., C. V., Oct. 22, 1861. Discharged, disability, Oct. 18, 1862.
- Wiley, Joseph O.** See Bridgewater.
- Wills, Henry L.**, Boston, Mass., Private Co. D, 3d Reg't Cavalry, Mass., Vols., Aug. 16, 1852. Wounded Sept. 9, 1863, Port Hudson, La. Mustered out May 20, 1865.
- Wooden, William H.**, Beekman, N. Y., Private Co. H, 128th Reg't Inf't., N. Y. State Vols., Aug. 14, 1862. Discharged, disability, May 8, 1865.
- Woolsey, John H.**, Bridgeport, Conn., Doctor's Steward U. S. Navy, Aug. 22, 1862. Discharged Nov. — 1863.

Further reminiscences of the war by one who was there three years, furnished at the request of the author.

Lieut. David E. Soule was born in Long Mountain School District, New Milford, Mar. 4, 1838; received a common school education; learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, and worked at it until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Co. H, 19th Reg't C. V. After assisting in raising a full company, and at the time they were ready to go to Camp Dutton in Litchfield, upon the earnest solicitation of the town officers he consented to raise a company for a nine months' regiment then forming in this State, and had received permission from Governor Buckingham to do so, but after remaining in New Milford two days for this purpose, he joined his company at Litchfield, to the great delight of his comrades.

The company for the nine months' regiment was raised and went to the front under Capt. D. D. Hoag and Lieut. Charles M. Booth, afterwards Captain.

After drilling for several weeks the 19th regiment was ordered to Washington, D. C., and Mr. Soule went with it as Corporal in Company H. In passing down the Naugatuck Railroad the regiment was greeted with many cheers, the remembrance of which, now, is like the memory of farewells to old friends long since departed. They reached New York in the night, passed down the East river on a transport, whereon they feasted on a lunch of coffee and soup, not without some sport in each endeavoring to secure his full allowance, as appetites were on the rising tide, and then they passed on through New Jersey to Philadelphia, where, on the second morning after leaving Litchfield, they obtained the first "square meal," which was furnished by the patriotic citizens of Philadelphia at the Coffee Eating-house. They arrived in Baltimore in the edge of the evening, and after a miserable apology for a supper, "bunked down" in the depot, and slept as best they could; it being just after the Massachusetts regiment had been fired into at that place, and the 19th, being without guns, felt uneasy during their stay there that night, and were very glad in the morning to go aboard the cars and proceed to Washington, although without breakfast, except a few crackers. After a passing view of the great Capitol buildings at Washington, for the protection of which they were to fight, they were ordered to Alexandria, where they went into camp. The regiment remained about Alexandria nearly one and a half years, doing picket duty and drilling in arms, and because of the completeness of their drill the regiment became noted, and were transferred to the Second Heavy Artillery Regiment, which was augmented to about 1,800 men, and became a prominent feature of the army. Many incidents of interest occurred; many of the "Boys" sickened and died during the first year, among them Sergt. Garwood R. Merwin and William B. Warner. The powder magazine at Fort Lyon was blown up in sight of the camp of the 19th, and a score or more of Germans were killed by it, as it was garrisoned by a German regiment. Soon after this Mr. Soule was detailed to rebuild the magazine, with nearly 150 men in charge. He was then pro-

moted to Sergeant, and about three months after to Color-Sergeant. At this time he was offered the position of being detailed by the War Department under the Civil Engineer, Burke, under whom he had worked at Fort Lyon, but as he had enlisted in the 19th he decided to remain with his company, rather than to take a "soft job" in the defences at Washington.

In May, 1864, this regiment was ordered to join the Army of the Potomac, and proceeding to Belle Plain, they drew five days' rations and forty rounds of ammunition, and the next morning started for the war-famed city of Fredericksburgh, and on the morning of the 20th of May was with the army.

Here for the first time they began to realize the terrible ordeal of war, for scarcely had they joined the army before they saw wounded men brought in from the skirmish line, groaning and bleeding and dying, which gave such a chill of horror to their hearts as only those who have been there can really understand.

Soon commenced the long marches of Grant's army in its flank movement towards Cold Harbor and the James River. The first taste of war this regiment had was after crossing the North Anna River while engaged in tearing up a railroad track, having a few men wounded and one killed. Then came the long march from the North Anna River to Cold Harbor, arriving there on the first day of June. There had been a cavalry fight previous and several dead "Johnnies" lay around there near the edge of the wood. Some of the boys were looking them over when Colonel Kellogg came along and said "don't harm the dead, you don't know how soon you will be in the same fix."

We lay here until nearly five o'clock in the afternoon, when orders came for our regiment to make a charge on the enemy's work, and says Mr. Soule, "I am sure if others felt as I did they would have sooner been at home, than there." And he further says: "I being Color Sergeant carried the Colors; our regiment having only its National Flag as the State Flag had been left at Belle Plain--I well remember Colonel Kellogg saying to me 'Sergeant Soule' don't never allow the Rebels to get those colors, and you Corporals, if the Sergeant falls look out for them.'" It is one thing to talk of battle, and still another thing to go into battle. They had six corporals in the Color Guard, and after the battle only two were uninjured—two killed and two wounded.

The real charge or battle lasted only about an hour, although they were under fire all that long hot summer night, amid the wounded and dying, some crying for water, others wishing they could die, making the night one to be remembered as long as life lasts. The colors were very much riddled by bullets and the spear on the staff was shot away entirely.

The regiment remained at Cold Harbor for nearly ten days, and then marched by the flank to the James River, without any more battles, only a few slight skirmishes. Then followed a series of marches and engagements, around and south of Petersburg to the Weldon Railroad, and the return to City Point to embark for Washington in July, to drive the Rebel General Early and his hordes from the borders of that city,—and the marches through Maryland, across the Potomac at White's Ferry close at his heels, through Loudon County to the Shenandoah River, then back to Washington, to Frederick City, Harper's Ferry, to Clifton Heights near Berryville, in the Shenandoah Valley, where we remained until the battle of Winchester on the 19th of September, 1864, an account of which is already given in these pages by Captain Marsh.

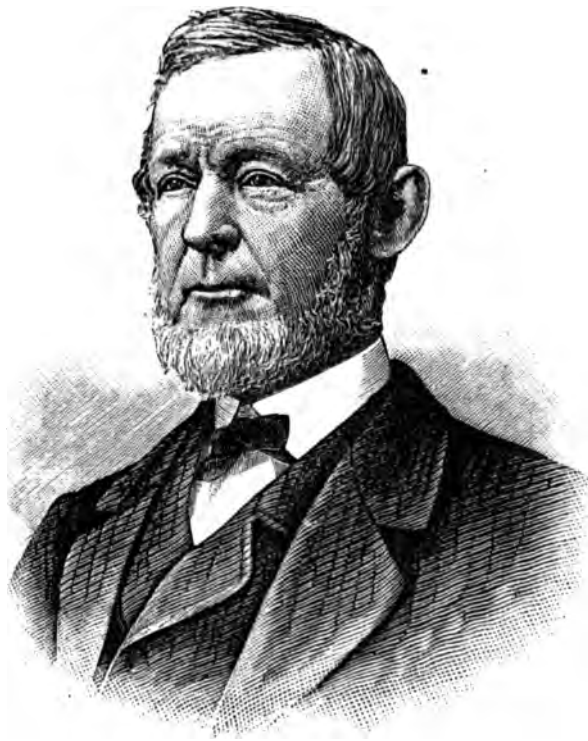
After the Valley campaign in December, 1864, the regiment returned via Harper's Ferry and Washington for City Point, to again join the army around Petersburg. Here Mr. Soule received a commission from Governor Buckingham as Second Lieutenant, and assigned to Company F for duty sometime in February, 1865. His regiment took part in the eventful battle of the 2d of April, and marched as one of the first into Petersburg on the morning of the 3d of April, following up General Lee in his retreat from there to the Appomattox—Mr. Soule says: "One of the happiest days of my life was the 9th of April, when we got news of Lee's surrender—and even now I can see the different demonstrations of joy of the officers and soldiers when the news was confirmed. The cheering, the crying, the throwing of caps, and anything else in the air, the firing of blank cartridges from the different batteries, and general expressions of joy that went up from the thousands, and tens of thousands within hearing, all are still ringing in my ears."

Lieutenant Soule was with his regiment in all battles it was engaged in except one; was never wounded, and had good health until his discharge in September, 1865.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

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Albert A. Bacon

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

Rev. Charles G. Acly was a native of Hudson, N. Y., and pursued his studies in Poughkeepsie, and in the Episcopal Theological Seminary in New York City. He became Rector of St. John's Church in New Milford in August, 1856, and resigned his position in March, 1876. He pursued his work with a constancy and earnestness worthy of the office he occupied, and the results were honorable to himself and decidedly advantageous and successful to the church. A parsonage was purchased, the church edifice was enlarged at a cost of \$2,500, and the permanency of the church and its support greatly improved.

He preached two historical sermons which, although he drew largely from a record of the church written in the church book by Judge D. C. Sanford, were very interesting and of much value, and should be preserved with the church records.

Mr. Acly was a good, faithful, successful, and devoted servant in his Master's vineyard.

Hon. Albert N. Baldwin, son of Noble Baldwin, was born September 28, 1811, on the homestead where he now resides, a little way south of Northville, in New Milford. He received a common-school education, and taught district school during the winter terms from the time he was sixteen to twenty-nine years of age, working on the farm in the summer. He married, October 20, 1835, Eliza, daughter of Jeremiah Baldwin, of Long Mountain, and has always held his residence on the homestead of his father.

He has served the town in many responsible positions; has represented it in the Lower House, and in the Senate of the State; was State-prison inspector, and largely instrumental in establishing the State Reform School.

He is director in the First National Bank at New Milford ; a member of the board of education for the town, and a reliable, substantial, honored citizen.

Rev. Daniel Baldwin, son of Theophilus Baldwin, was born in Northville, New Milford, on the 20th of November, 1786. At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Susan Baldwin, daughter of John, who was a deacon in the First Congregational Church of New Milford. They had ten children.

Daniel Baldwin was physically and intellectually a man of strength, owning and cultivating a farm of over one hundred acres. Of strictly moral and upright habits, he commanded the respect of all who knew him. When young he was wonderfully spry and athletic—and upon one occasion he won a fine span of horses by leaping over them, upon a wager, although he refused to take them from their astonished owner. He was said to be the best mower in the township. When about forty years old he was converted and united with the Baptist Church in Northville, and was licensed to preach, and a few years after he was ordained. He preached at Roxbury and Cornwall, Conn., and South Dover in Dutchess County, N. Y., where his labors were greatly blessed and highly appreciated. He often acted as moderator at councils, and was greatly esteemed among his brethren as a wise counsellor and a pure and good man. In 1846 he removed with his family to Farm Ridge, La Salle County, Ill. Here he organized several Baptist Churches. Rev. C. H. Smith, whose son married his youngest daughter, says of him, in a sketch of his life : “ As a *man* he was beloved by all who knew him.” “ As a *Christian* his life was consistent with his profession.” “ As a *Minister* he gained access to the hearts of those who heard him, not only by the truths which he proclaimed, but also by the affectionate manner in which he spoke those truths.” “ As a *father* he lived in the hearts of his children, and was able to rejoice in the conversion of almost all of his family, and in the eminent usefulness of some of them. He died at the age of seventy-four, and was buried at Farm Ridge, by the side of his faithful and beloved wife.

“ Peace to their ashes
And glory to their souls.”



Mrs. Hannah M. Garrison.

Hon. Elmer Baldwin, son of Noble Baldwin, was born in New Milford, March 8, 1806, and when twenty-nine years of age he went west. Upon special request of the author of this book he gave a brief account of his first trip west, as follows:

"In 1835, I went by steam on Hudson River to Albany, then by rail, first by horse-power, then by stationary engine, and then by locomotive, in all twelve miles from Albany to Schenectady, the only railroad then between the east and the west; by canal to Buffalo, by steam to Detroit, by wagon to St. Joseph, and by schooner across Lake Michigan to Chicago, and on foot to La Salle County, Ill., wading for seven miles in water from three to fifteen inches deep across the low prairie back of Chicago. Chicago was then but a village, with little promise of its future. There were about 600 Potawatomie Indians in Chicago then settling with the government agent preparatory to removing to a western reservation. They probably out-numbered the white residents. The barren sand hills along the lake, the low and wet prairie for ten miles back of it, the stagnant river, bordered by wide stretches of rushes and tall grass—simply a swamp—the groups of wild and uncouth savages around the tall palisades of the government fort, presented a view, new, startling and uninviting. A few miles from the lake, the rolling dry prairie was reached, which seemed like a new creation. The eye tired and became pained in endeavoring to scan and take in the boundless extent. The constant roar of the crowing of the prairie cock, the whoop of the crane, the scream of the curlew, the thud-like note of the bittern, and numberless sounds and sights, new and strange—while at night the yelping and howling of the prairie wolf completed a scene never to be forgotten. The bones of the buffalo dotted the prairie and the deer roamed in droves. Where I commenced to make my home there was no mark of human labor in sight.

"But the change,—how great! The robin and other singing birds,—not here at first—came as the wild birds of the prairie retired. The limitless prairie is all reclaimed, and miles of corn fields and small grains, or pastures with flocks and herds uncounted cover every section within the state. There is a school-house every two miles, and churches in every neighborhood, and not a house but is within the sound of the whistle of the railroad locomotive.

"The swamp of the infant Chicago is now a city that handles more grain, cattle, and hogs than any place in the wide world. The sedgy margin of her stagnant river is lined with docks and ships for miles, and crowded with the finest shipping known to commerce. I have witnessed all these changes in about half of my life-time."

Mr. Baldwin has written—and published in 1877—a *History of La Salle County, Ill.*, a book of 550 pages; an interesting and very valuable work, since he was personally familiar with the settlement of the whole county.

Rev. Norman Bristol Baldwin, son of Rev. Daniel and Susan Baldwin, was born in Northville, New Milford, Aug. 23, 1824. He was educated at Madison University, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1846. In September, the same year, he was married to Miss Cara E. Ambler, eldest daughter of Rev. E. C. Ambler of Danbury, Ct. In Oct., 1846, he became pastor of the Baptist church in Monticello, Sullivan Co., N. Y. After a most pleasant and prosperous pastorate of two and a half years, he accepted the unanimous call of the Bethesda Baptist church, New York city, June 1, 1849, where he labored successfully for about five years, when a sore throat compelled him to break up his pastoral relation, but after a few months' rest he accepted the call of the Second Southwark, now Calvary Baptist church of Philadelphia, Pa., and he entered on his labors Feb. 1, 1854. So greatly were they blessed, that their meeting house was crowded, and their Sunday-school was the largest Baptist Sunday-school in the city, and probably in the country at that time. They numbered over seven hundred scholars, and sometimes the attendance reached nearly six hundred and fifty at a session. At the end of two years and a half, he went out with a colony of 220 members and organized the Olivet Baptist church, Oct. 7, 1856. They built the fine edifice at the southeast corner of Sixth and Federal streets. Extensive revivals in which hundreds were converted and immersed, together with the great anxiety and labor incident to the erection of a large and costly house of worship, so impaired his health that in September, 1864, he closed his eleven years' pastorate in Philadelphia, and retired to his farm near Colmar, Montgomery Co., Pa.

As his health soon began to improve, he gave short periods of

service to New Britain Baptist church, Bucks Co., Pa., and to the Bristol church in the same Co., also to the Gwynedd church, Mont. Co. In Nov. 1869, after being twice called, he accepted and entered upon his labors as pastor of the venerable Montgomery church, one of the oldest Baptist churches in the State, where he after twelve years continues to labor. He has baptized over five hundred joyful converts. Among the young men who have been baptized and put into the ministry by him are the Rev. L. P. Hornberger, the eminently popular and successful young pastor of the *Gethsemane* Baptist church, Philadelphia, Pa., and the eldest son of his brother, E. Furman Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church in Greensboro, N. C. He was licensed by the Fourth Baptist church, Phila., and ordained in 1880, in Asheville, N. C. He has recently entered upon his pastorate in Greensboro. So father and son rejoice together in the same blessed work.

Rev. Isaac Closson Beach was the son of Abijah Beach of Bridgewater, Ct., was born March 7, 1802, was graduated at Yale Collège in 1826, and two years after was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association. He married Emily A. Wheeler of New Milford, in 1829, while preaching at Washington, Conn., where he remained one year. He then preached one year in Bethel, Ct., where his health failed, and he engaged as agent for the American Bible Society in Ohio for one year, when he returned eastward and was a settled pastor in Ulster county, N. Y., remaining five years with much success, having received into the church two hundred persons. He then preached at Chester, Orange Co., N. Y., eleven years, receiving three hundred persons into that church. Going from there to Newburg, N. Y., he remained eighteen months; thence to Illinois, where he labored as a Home Missionary three years, and then returning to Ohio he spent three years with the church at North Bend. His next parish was the Sixth Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, where he labored four years, when his health again failed, and he went to Kansas as exploring missionary in 1858. He resided in Olathe, Kansas, until his decease in 1873, preaching until within four weeks of his death. He left a widow and the five following children, three children hav-

ing died in infancy : Edward, Harriet, Albert, George, Henrietta. The two eldest sons were physicians ; the other is a merchant at Olathe, Kansas. The eldest daughter married a lawyer just before the war, and he enlisted in the Union army and was killed at the battle of Wilson's Creek. Henrietta married a professor in the State University.

Rev. George Stephen Bennitt, son of Noble S. and Sarah M. Bennitt, born Aug. 29, 1849, in N. M., was educated at the Episcopal Academy of Cheshire, Ct., and at St. Stephen's College at Annandale, N. Y. He was admitted to the deaconship by the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., in St. John's church at New Milford, Sept. 28, 1873, and was ordained a Priest by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, D.D., in All Saints' church, Boston, Mass., Jan. 20, 1880. From October 1873 to October 1875, he was assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and from October, 1875, he has been Rector of All Saints' Parish at Boston, Mass. Thus far, his native town has had a pleasant satisfaction in his steady advancement in his profession, and the church of his father's great care,—St. John's—speak of him with increasing interest.

His untiring efforts for six months, in the midst of his other duties, in collecting material, have added several pages of valuable matter to this History, for which not only the Author is indebted, but also his native town and kindred. He married, Nov. 23, 1871, Thomasetta, daughter of Anthony Butler of Westfield, Staten Island, N. Y., and has three children.

Miss Cornelia Elizabeth Boardman, daughter of the Hon. Elijah Boardman, was born Aug. 4, 1808, and died May 14, 1880. Her father died in 1823, when she was but fifteen years of age, and thereafter she devoted herself most constantly to an affectionate care of and attendance upon her mother, until that mother's decease in 1848, at the age of 80 years. Her education was completed under circumstances of the highest advantage, and after this she made her dwelling-place in the old homestead which her father established and dwelt in, and here she steadily continued, preserving the family paintings and the old honored household furniture to the last. The old high clock,

the six-legged side-board, the antiquated paintings, the old flax wheel, and the great sofa, are still in the dining-room as if waiting the coming of the long-since-departed master of the house. If we go into the parlor;—there is Elijah Boardman in full stature as when he was but twenty-two years of age. The painting is just 100 years old, standing in a recess by the side of the ancient chimney wall, and on the other side, in a like recess, is his wife in full size, dressed in olive silk, seated in a chair, with her son, young William W., afterwards Judge Boardman, sitting on her lap. It is the old home of 87 years ago, and the host and hostess are waiting for their friends and neighbors to gather, on a social entertainment for the evening. Go up stairs in the north room,—there is the picture—large size—of this house and the old gambrel-roofed store with the end to the road, and the fences and hitching posts in front, just as they were nearly 70 years ago, and as they were seen by thousands of travelers during 60 or 70 years of public use.

This is the home that Miss Cornelia E. Boardman ("Aunt Nelie," all the relations called her) kept so many, many years.

It affords the author of this book pleasure to introduce here a letter written at his request by an intimate friend—not a relative—of Miss Boardman, as illustrative of the kindly sentiments generally felt towards her, and the real life and character which she lived and manifested :

"In reply to your request concerning Miss Boardman, I hardly know what I can say that will satisfy my own heart, her friends, or the community in which she has held so remarkable a place for so many years. There never was or could be, among her acquaintances, but one judgment of her charming and estimable qualities. To enumerate them would be, to those among whom she lived, superfluous, even almost presumptuous; while those who never knew her would form a very inadequate idea, from such an abstract statement, of the warm and glowing life which pervaded her every action, and shone with such surpassing luster in her hospitable home. Perhaps a brief description of the impression she produced upon me at the commencement of our acquaintance will do her memory more justice in the eyes of strangers than anything else that I could say. I met her for the first time in New York City, at her sister's house, in my school days, when she may have been, perhaps, twenty-three or four years of age. She seemed, to my immature judgment, a few years older, and was, at that time (as, indeed, always), very handsome, in the full perfection of a noble and commanding style of beauty. I remember contemplating, with a young girl's delight, the gracious presence and the queenly head with its dark and abundant natural coronal, and saying to myself: 'This is a perfect model of a young Roman matron, an ideal mother of the Infant Gracchi.' She was, of course, very much admired. Her attractive manners and

great vivacity, softened by a modesty which time, prosperity, and adulation all failed to conquer, adding, on acquaintance, an enduring charm to the first bright side of welcome.

Miss Boardman had a heart which developed in their highest degree the family affections, the sentiment of friendship, and those amiable qualities which adorn the relations of social life. She lost her father at the age of fifteen, and wept so much as to weaken her eyesight permanently, notwithstanding the robust character of her general health. The early habit of independence which this loss produced had a marked influence upon her after life, filling it with responsibilities unusual to her sex, and developing a strong will and an able judgment (qualities undoubtedly inherent in those of her family name), which communicated a certain masculine strength to a nature otherwise purely feminine.

She had many proposals of marriage, which she declined, alleging her devotion to her mother as the determining cause of her preference for a single life. How pure, loving, and upright that life was in its Christian character can be better told by those who shared its daily walk.

Her religious principles were fundamental, forming an element in all her attachments. Her influence in this respect over domestics and among her neighbors was most remarkable. Her large bequest for the building of a parish church is a more conspicuous, but not more enduring monument to her memory than the recollection of her garden and her library, whose privileges she shared with friends of all classes, in a spirit of tender and discriminating sympathy.

Her neighbors have laid her at rest by those most dear to her, and covered her with the flowers she loved; but her spirit abides among them in a purifying and elevating influence, which can never pass away in time or in eternity.

E. M. W."

It is said that many enterprises for proposed good to humanity received Miss Boardman's careful attention as to what she should do, both as to money and with her own hands. She gave of her money, and she gave of her time and effort, relinquishing ease and comforts in order to do good, just as many other earnest Christians do. In the Sunday-school and in the Societies for church work, and benevolent objects in the community, as well as those for objects abroad, she took an active and constant part for many years. She was Superintendent of the Sunday-school some years, and for many years gave her personal attention and work to it. Her house was the home of a large and a constant hospitality. The Bishops and clergy of the Episcopal Church made it their frequent stopping place for days, and sometimes weeks, in their travels, and attendance on conventions. She made it a part of her duty, as well as pleasure, to attend the triennial conventions of that Church, by which she, personally, as well as New Milford, became well known throughout the United States, both to many of the clergy and many of the laity, and

by these visits she became familiar with the needs of the Church. There was no part of the work of the Church that her interest did not touch, and to which her heart and hands did not open. In far-off China, and on the shores of Africa; in Mexico; in many a western missionary's home; among the "children of the wandering feet;" in schools and colleges; in all she interested herself, and to all for years she put forth efforts of toil and of treasure in the one hope of doing good to the needy.

But she could not stay always, however the world might need her and such like her. The responsibility of her stewardship must cease, and the time for the closing of her sojourn came, but as she departed her mantle fell on shoulders which were worthy to bear it, and therefore the same work goes on by the faithful, active life and open hand of Mrs. Cornelia Elizabeth Wright.

Daniel Boardman,¹ the eldest son of Sherman Boardman, Esq., was born in the old house now standing at Boardman's bridge, March 4, 1757. He aided his father in the labors of the farm until the year 1776, when upon the request of the son he was placed under the instruction of the Rev. Daniel Farrand of Canaan (his uncle), and with great diligence prepared and entered Yale College in the autumn of the year 1777, and from it he took his degree of A.B. in September, 1781, and his degree of A.M. in 1784. Soon after his graduation he took a tour with his friends and classmates, Burall and Farrand of Canaan, to Vermont. On his return he entered into partnership with his brother, Elijah Boardman, who was prosperously engaged in mercantile affairs. From the spring of 1782 until the spring of 1793 this partnership continued, and then for two years he kept a separate store at New Milford, but afterwards entered into partnership with Henry Hunt, of the city of New York, who was engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business; and he was thus led to remove to the city, where he resided during the remainder of his life.

An independent military company having been established at New Milford while he resided here, he was chosen the first captain of it, and was subsequently appointed major of the regiment

¹ Taken largely from the manuscript of Judge D. S. Boardman.

to which the company belonged. He represented the town of New Milford twice in the General Assembly—in May, 1790, and in October, 1792.

After removing to New York City he was extensively interested in new lands, particularly in the southwestern States, and he was some time employed at Washington before a Board of United States Commissioners, to adjust the conflicting claims of purchasers of lands sold by the State of Georgia. His real estate in the city of New York was very considerable.

Major Boardman died Nov. 3, 1833, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was a large man, of strong frame, and is said to have resembled his grandfather, the Rev. Daniel Boardman.

*Hon. David Sherman Boardman*¹ was the youngest child of Deacon Sherman and Sarah (Bostwick) Boardman, and was born Dec. 8, 1768. He died Dec. 2, 1864, at the advanced age of 96, greatly venerated and loved. There have been few, if any, of the inhabitants of New Milford since its settlement, who deserve to be honored more than this pure-minded, sagacious, and noble-hearted man. He was born at the farm called (Maryland), and his father's house was singularly isolated, situated as it was some two and a half miles from the village, with only one or two farms between, and approached from the north by one of the loneliest roads in New England, extending some four and a half miles along the Housatonic, with scarcely a single house or field. The farm itself was overlooked by "Candlewood Mountain," rugged and picturesque, making a home more than usually fitted to act upon the imagination of a sensitive boy, such as he must have been, and to stimulate a poetical nature to thoughts of nature and of God. He records the fact with emphasis, that he was cut off from school-life and the companionship of boys, walking to school in the village and home again only two different seasons till severe illness in each case ensued, barely sparing his life at the second attack, and taking away a beloved sister, the companion of his childhood, at the age of ten, whose loveliness he never could allude to without manifest emotion. Attendance at school in his father's house for a few months, and

¹ This sketch was written by President Porter of Yale College, upon the request of the author of this book.

in the village for four months at the age of fourteen, gave him all the common-school education which he enjoyed. But he commemorates with gratitude the attention to reading and study which he enjoyed at home during the winter months, doubtless under the dictates of his mother, who had herself been a trained teacher before her marriage. His paternal home, however, gave him manifold opportunities for education, being the resort of guests from far and near, and being also constantly enlivened by the facetious talks and bright remarks of his cheerful and vivacious father. When about seventeen years old he attended a select school taught by Col. William Taylor, then recently graduated from Yale College, devoting his attention to English studies, and in the following winter he studied the Latin language with great zeal under the tuition of his uncle, Rev. Daniel Farrand, in Canaan. At this period a temporary but serious failure of his eyesight discouraged his expectations of a college education. He somewhat reluctantly gave himself up to labors upon the farm, submitting himself to what seemed the decision of necessity and duty that his life was to be a farmer's.

After he was twenty-one years of age, his brother Elijah proposed to assist him in the prosecution of law-studies, with a view to his entering speedily upon the practice of the profession. His father having given his consent to the arrangement, he became a member of the family of Rev. Stanley Griswold in January, 1791, and prosecuted his studies under his dictation, chiefly in Latin till May. In these few months he made surprising progress, as we may interpret his own modest statement of the books which he read. In May, he was entered as a student with Elizur Goodrich, Esq., in New Haven, with the request that he should, so far as possible, perfect him in a short course of classical and scientific study. At the college commencement in September, as he was about to return home, Mr. Goodrich advised him to spend the winter with him, and enter the Junior class in May. He accepted this advice, and devoted the winter chiefly to the study of Greek. He entered the Junior class at the beginning of the summer term, near the end of which he was elected member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a circumstance which indicated that he at once made his mark upon his classmates and instructors.

He graduated in 1793, and in 1796 President Dwight proposed to nominate him as a tutor, pressing him to consent. But he had already been admitted to the Bar, and declined the flattering and significant offer. After traveling west as far as the Genesee river, and north through the new settlements in Vermont, he concluded, with some hesitation, to open an office in his native town. Here he spent his days in the faithful and successful practice of his profession, and where he earned from men of all parties the reputation of being a thoroughly "honest lawyer." He practiced freely in Litchfield and Fairfield counties, and was personally acquainted with all the eminent men who resided in both, of whose personal and professional life he could recite an inexhaustible store of anecdotes. After practicing as an attorney for thirty-six years, he was appointed for five successive years Chief Judge of the County Court for Litchfield county, when he was displaced for political reasons. He was made Judge of Probate for the district of New Milford in 1805, and held the place by successive annual appointments for sixteen years. He was Justice of the Peace for thirty-two years. He was elected Representative to the General Assembly eight times. In 1808, he was elected a member of the Connecticut Society of Arts and Sciences, and was Vice-President of the Connecticut Historical Society from its first establishment.

He married May 18, 1806, Charlotte Taylor, the daughter of Nathaniel Taylor, Esq., and there were born to them seven children. John Taylor, April 17, 1807; Catharine Ann, Dec. 12, 1808, died Oct. 9, 1811; George William, Feb. 26, 1811, died Sept. 23, 1815; Charles Sherman, Dec. 4, 1812, died Oct. 26, 1815; Augustus, April 19, 1814, died Oct. 31, 1815; Frederick, July 20, 1817, died July 17, 1876; Mary Cornelia, May 29, 1819.

Of three of these children he wrote in extreme old age "Thus in the short space of six weeks were these three scions of fair promise and cherished hopes cut off by that fell destroyer of infancy and childhood, the Dysentery. A blight recorded with deep emotion, mingled it is hoped with humble submission."

In March, 1838, he was admitted with his wife to the fellowship of the Congregational Church. He had nearly reached his seventieth birthday, but all his life long his conduct had been

singularly upright and blameless, and his attention upon the public duties of religion had been constant and exemplary. During all his active life he was one of the most devoted supporters and officers of the Congregational Society, and from the first had been one of its pillars in times of difficulty. His interests in Christian truth had been unaffected, I doubt not from his childhood, and his love for all good men was ardent. Intellectually he was highly gifted by nature, and during all his professional life he maintained the habits of a diligent scholar. After he relinquished active service he was a constant reader, taking special delight in history and geography. There were few men living in the state of Connecticut who had so familiar an acquaintance with English and American history. His memory of facts of this kind was singularly comprehensive and tenacious. For the last forty years of his life he spent most of his time in his office, and always with a book in hand, and after his eyesight began to fail, he would hold his candle for hours over against the page in his unwearied patience to master the contents of books and periodicals new and old. In conversation he was never wearied, always copious to overflowing, and abounding in brilliant and humorous anecdotes. The history of New Milford, and of every man and woman who had ever lived in it, lay pictured before him like an atlas of many pages, to any one of which he could turn in an instant, and beguile his hearers for an hour. He was tender-hearted and affectionate as a child. Indeed it would seem as though the hard passages of life had not in the least hardened his feelings and no contact with its corruptions had stained the childlike delicacy of his affections. He would laugh and weep alternately with unfeigned pathos at scenes and tales of joy and sorrow—he was always most reverent before God and Christ, and tenderly softened with that charity which is the bond of perfectness. His modesty was excessive. This, doubtless, prevented him from making a more distinguished mark in his profession, and from asserting his claims to honor and office among his fellow-men. He was from the first to the last a Washingtonian Federalist. When a boy of ten years he had seen the father of his country in an encampment some twenty miles to the west of his home, and for two hours fixed and feasted his eyes upon the great general, of whom he never could speak except with uncovered head.

When in his ninetieth year he gave to the public a minute account of this memorable passage of his life and of Washington's person as imprinted on his childish memory, and also what he saw and felt of a subsequent interview when he was twenty-two years old. A local party of Jeffersonians was early organized in New Milford and supported by two of his brothers, but this circumstance did not abate the form of his allegiance to federalist principles, nor on the other hand did it weaken the tenderness of his fraternal love. His was most touching towards his noble brother Homer, himself one of the noblest specimens of manhood whom the writer has known. In very advanced life he was ready to correct the errors and add to the narratives of not a few historical and biographical writers, and the files of his letters testify to a very extended and laborious correspondence with many eminent men in remote parts of the country.

Mr. Clay and Mr. Webster were the objects of his profoundest admiration, and he did not easily accept the new ideas which in spite of him brought new parties into existence in place of the old Whig principles in respect to slavery. He was emphatically a politician from conviction, sturdy, tenacious, formal, unselfish in adherence to his principles and his party, and despising meanness, trickery, and office seeking in all forms. He rarely wrote for publication. He contributed however a few papers of great value for the newspapers, and for the *New Englander* of November, 1858, a review of Mr. J. C. Hamilton's *History of the United States*, as traced in the writings of Alexander Hamilton, also for the *American Quarterly Church Review* for January, 1859, a review of Parton's *Life and Times of Aaron Burr*, and in 1860 a pamphlet entitled *Early Lights of the Litchfield Bar*.

It is impossible within the limits prescribed for this sketch to give any inadequate picture or impression of the personal excellence and beneficent influence of this truly noble, modest, and lovely man. It was the privilege of the writer to know him most intimately for the seven years of his own pastorate in New Milford and subsequently to see him not unfrequently till his death, and to observe his demeanor in a great variety of interesting scenes and events of joy and of sorrow, of public and private interest, when jubilant with irrepressible humor, or convulsed with personal or sympathetic grief. He knew him when in the full posses-

sion of his sagacious intellect and groping in the shadow land in which were blended the pictures of the past, the realities of the present and the anticipations of the future life, and in all them he was the same true-hearted, loving, and devout soul, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

For sixty-five years and more, he was known of all the inhabitants of the village, almost literally seen daily by almost all of its inhabitants, and was even recognized as a living example of benignity, uprightness, and truth, a witness for all goodness by his own example, against manifold influences and examples of a less elevated character. His influence was not limited to the village, but all over the surrounding hills and through the secluded alleys far and near the light of his pure life shone like a peaceful star serene and bright. All who knew him connected with his person many of the sayings in the Scripture about the truly good man, as finding in him their happiest illustration. In this way his presence was always a benediction, his life was a blessing, and his memory a perpetual inspiration to more than two generations.

Hon. Elijah Boardman, the third son of Sherman Boardman, and grandson of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, first minister in the town, was born in 1760, and was educated in his father's home and under the tuition of Rev. Nathan Taylor. When sixteen years of age, in March, 1776, by the consent of his father, he enlisted for one year in the Revolutionary War. The regiment in which he served was commanded by Col. Charles Webb, and was one of the sixteen regiments first raised by authority of the Continental Congress; the officers being commissioned by that Congress. The officers of the company to which he belonged were, Capt. Isaac Bostwick, Lieut. Kimball, Lieut. Elisha Bostwick, and Ens. Amos Bostwick, all except the first lieutenant being from New Milford. The first destination was Boston; from which they were sent to New York; in and about which place the regiment remained until the city was evacuated by the Americans in the month of October. Shortly before which event Mr. Boardman was seized with a dangerous illness, from which he had but partially recovered when the retreat of the army from the city seemed to render his situation hopeless. In this extremity, observing a

wagon to stop near the house in which he was, he, while the driver was momentarily absent, exerting the utmost effort of his wasted strength, succeeded in throwing himself into the wagon ; from which the heartless driver was about to eject him, when an officer passing ordered him to desist and suffer the sick man to ride as far as he, the wagoner, was going, which was to the neighborhood of King's bridge, where Mr. Boardman was left lying on the ground, incapable of further exertion. Here he was found by a neighbor of his father who had come to the city for the purpose of helping a sick relative home.³ He removed him to a place of safety where, leaving him, he returned home and gave immediate notice to his father, who hastened to his relief. He was brought home in a deplorable state of health ; from which, though he slowly recovered, he thought his constitution received such a shock as had an abiding effect.

In the autumn of 1777 he went on another tour for a few months with the militia to the Hudson River, in the defence of his country.

After being at home two years, attending to study and light work as he was able, he went as clerk into the store of Elijah and Archibald Austin, then prominent merchants in New Haven, and in the fall of the year 1781 he commenced business as a merchant at New Milford.

From 1782 to 1793 he and his brother Daniel conducted the store as partners ; then he continued it alone until 1812, from which time he was associated with Elijah Bennett until 1819, when the store was sold to Stanley Lockwood, and after that Mr. Boardman did not engage in mercantile business.

In September, 1795, Mr. Boardman became a member of the Connecticut Land Company, and as such, one of the purchasers of the Connecticut Western Reserve, now forming the northern part of the State of Ohio. That part of the purchase lying east of the Cuyahoga river was divided into townships, and a partition was made among the purchasers in May, 1799. By this partition Mr. Boardman and his immediate associates became entitled to two entire townships and the equalizing lots of land (as they were called) annexed thereto. His interest extended

³ It is possible this neighbor was Sylvanus Wheaton.

to somewhat more than half of each township; number one of the second range was named after him, Boardman, and number two of the sixth range was called Palmyra, with their respective equalizing annexations. Some years after the Land Company, having completed the survey of that part of their purchase lying west of the Cuyahoga, made, in the same manner as before, a partition among the purchasers. By this Mr. Boardman and his associates⁴ became the proprietors of the town of Medina, which afterwards was largely settled by families from Litchfield County, Conn., quite a number of families going from New Milford. In 1799, soon after the first partition, he went to Ohio, and spent much time there, in causing the two towns first named to be surveyed into lots, preparatory to a partition of them between himself and his immediate associate owners. This partition was made in 1800. After this he repeatedly went to Ohio, and spent a very considerable portion of the season of active business in attending to his concerns there. In the year 1823 he died there, on the 18th of August, and his body was brought to New Milford for interment.

About the year 1800, Mr. Boardman became quite prominent as a politician in Connecticut. But having embraced the principles of the Democratic party, which was then, and for a considerable period of time after, in the minority in the State, he received no higher appointment than that of a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature, to which he was six times elected: May, 1803; October, 1803; May, 1804; October, 1804; May, 1805, and May, 1816. When the political party to which he was attached gained a partial ascendancy, he was elected, in May, 1817, and in May, 1818, an assistant, or member of the Upper House, as it was then styled. In May, 1819, when the New Constitution of the State of Connecticut went into operation, he was elected to the State Senate, and was continued a member of it, until elected to the Senate of the United States,

⁴Mr. Boardman's immediate associates were: Homer Boardman, David S. Boardman, Stanley Griswold of New Milford, Elijah Wadsworth, Frederick Wolcott of Litchfield, and Zephaniah Briggs and Jonathan Giddings of New Fairfield. In 1786 the State of Connecticut reserved 3,500,000 acres of land in northwestern Ohio, which became known as the "Connecticut Western Reserve." This land was sold by Connecticut in 1795, for \$1,200,000; and of this sum Elijah Boardman and his associates took \$60,000.

in May, 1821. He occupied his seat in the United States Senate, during the two sessions of the Seventeenth Congress; and, having been elected for six years, he was a member of the Senate at the time of his decease in 1823.

From nature, education, and habit, he was emphatically a practical man in all respects. His business talents were uncommon; and his constancy in their exercise was rarely if ever surpassed. His natural temperament inclined him to hilarity, but his strictly moral and industrious habits so far repressed this natural propensity as to give him rather the appearance of gravity than of its opposite, in the latter period of his life. Yet his natural and acquired ease and urbanity render him a pleasing companion both to the grave and the gay.

He was baptized in infancy in the Congregational church, and confirmed, in the year 1816, by Bishop Hobart of New York, while temporarily officiating in the diocese of Connecticut.

In September, 1792, he married Mary Anna Whiting, the eldest daughter of the Hon. William Whiting of Great Barrington, Mass., who long survived him, and to them were born three sons and three daughters. She was a very excellent woman, and had in large degree the care and training of her children, since Mr. Boardman was many times absent three and four months at a time in Ohio attending to the interests of the land company, and was away on business as a merchant.

A memoir of her was written by her son-in-law the Rev. J. F. Schroeder, D.D.; a volume of nearly 500 pages; which is largely historical of the Boardman and Whiting families.

Judge William Whiting Boardman, son of the Hon. Elijah Boardman, was born, Oct. 10, 1794, in New Milford, and died in New Haven, Ct., Aug. 27, 1871, in the 77th year of his age. He attended school at Litchfield and Colchester academies, and was graduated at Yale College, in 1812; after which he studied law in Litchfield and Cambridge, Mass., and settled in his profession in New Haven. In 1824, he was elected Judge of Probate, and held the office five years. He represented New Haven at several sessions of the General Assembly, the last being in 1851. He was elected to fill a vacancy in the United States House of Representatives in the autumn of 1840,

and in 1841 was elected a member of the House and sat in Congress the two following years. In 1864, he was a member of the Common Council of New Haven City, and while continuing in that relation performed very acceptable and special service to the city.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and as such held several offices, which were made vacant by his decease, among which were: Warden of Trinity Church, New Haven; Trustee of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Trustee of Trinity College; Trustee of the Cheshire Academy; President of the Board of Bishops' Fund.

He was President of the Gas Light Company of New Haven, from its organization until his death; and was for a number of years President of the New Haven Water Company.

He married in 1857 Miss Lucy Hall of the town of Poland, Ohio, a union which proved most happy, and at his death he left a widow but no surviving children.

Rev. David Bostwick,^s son of Maj. John Bostwick, and grandson of the first John Bostwick in New Milford, was born, Jan. 8, 1721. At the age of fifteen years, he entered Yale College, and graduated after the usual course. It is believed that he studied theology with the Rev. John Graham of Southbury, Ct., and afterwards was a teacher in the Newark Academy in New Jersey. On the 9th of October, 1745, he was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, Long Island, where he remained over ten years, with a favorable reputation and success.

In 1756, he was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New York City, where he served with great acceptability, being more than an ordinarily eloquent preacher.

In 1760, Mr. Bostwick was unable for a time to preach in consequence of ill health, and he died in 1763, aged 43 years. He was the author of several publications. The degree of A.M. was conferred upon him by the New Jersey College in 1756, and he was one of the overseers of that institution from 1761 until his decease.

^s Sprague's Annals.

He married a Miss Hinman of Southbury, Conn., and had a numerous family.

Col. Elisha Bostwick, son of Samuel Bostwick, was born in 1748, on his grandfather's, Major John Bostwick, homestead, where now Mr. John R. Bostwick resides. This homestead therefore has been in the same family over 170 years, and so far as appears is the only piece of land in the town that has remained so long in the same family name.

Elisha Bostwick was not educated at college as were his brothers Jared and Samuel, but he received a good education, and was a much better scholar in spelling than many graduates of colleges of that day. His fine penmanship has never been surpassed, nor half equaled by any town clerk in New Milford. In this respect the author of this book, as well as the whole town of New Milford, owes him a debt of immense gratitude; but it is gratifying to know, through several town votes, that the town was not slow to express its gratitude while Mr. Bostwick was living and serving it in his noble, efficient, and most complete manner. He filled with his quill pens 21 volumes of land records, besides doing all the other writing as a town clerk, during the service of 55 successive years. He wrote an index of Grantees in a separate book for the first twelve books of land records, and also an index of both grantees and grantors for each of the first 35 volumes of land records. He planned and wrote an index of all the highways in this large town that were made before his resignation, which is of great value, and is continued to be kept in complete form at the present time.

For these services he received at various times certain considerations of value from the town and also from individuals. His allowance for recording a deed was one shilling, and in the absence of ready money he received a due bill for this amount. After his decease something like one thousand of these bills it is said were found, still unpaid.

He was justice of the peace many years, and the list of marriages he attended, as such, is still preserved—the first date being in 1799 and the last in 1819, the whole number being 92.

It is related that in performing one of these ceremonies he had to go to the lower part of the Neck, a distance of six or

seven miles, on a very cold day in winter, the snow being very deep and still falling, and for this journey and service he received only the sum of twenty-five cents; but he afterward enjoyed telling the story so much that probably no wedding service ever afforded him so much pay by way of amusement as this one.

He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the militia in 1793, and afterwards Colonel.

Col. Bostwick married Betty Ferriss, May 14, 1786, when in the thirty-eighth year of his age. When he was in his twentieth year, he heard that a daughter was born to David Ferris, who resided across the river near the old Quaker burying-ground, and he went over and called to see the baby. While looking at it in the cradle he said to the mother, "It is a very nice baby; keep her until she is grown up and I will marry her." "All right," said the mother, "you shall have her." And so, when the Colonel had been through the war of the Revolution, and was securely settled in his home, and the young lady was eighteen years of age, lacking eleven days, they were married. She was a beautiful young lady, as represented by the family portrait, having charming black eyes, dark brown hair, and a complexion clear and as beautiful as the sunlight.

Col. Bostwick was a fine appearing man, a full, manly form, with somewhat of a military bearing, intelligent and benevolent in the expression of his countenance, religious and noble in his character; a man in whom all the people of the town took much honor and delight; and when, after fifty-five years of service as town clerk, he declined a further election, there was a most affecting scene at the town meeting.

He wrote his letter of resignation and placed it in the hands of Judge D. Sherman Boardman, a life-long and intimate friend, to read in the meeting, Mr. Boardman being then 66 years of age, and only eighteen years younger than Col. Bostwick. This letter Judge Boardman began to read, but was so much overcome with emotion that he handed it to the clerk of the meeting, took his seat, and with great effort restrained a further expression of the pathetic feelings which were induced by a sense of the final separation between the town and a long-tried, faithful

and cheerful servant, while the entire audience was in the same state of mind with the Judge.

Col. Elisha Bostwick's Letter.

"TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD IN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING THIS DAY ASSEMBLED.

GENTLEMEN:—The time I think has now arrived which in course of Divine Providence renders it proper that some other person should be appointed to the office of Town Clerk; the failure of my eye-sight compels me to make this statement.

I am now in the 84th year of my age. You, Gentlemen, and your venerable fathers (now no more) having appointed me to that office for 55 years in succession; and I have in that time filled 21 volumes of land records; and now, borne down as I am with old age, and with afflictions, and with sorrows, I deem it my duty to decline a further appointment.

And now, alas! where shall I find words to express my gratitude and thankfulness to the Town for all their past favors, and above all, to my God for all his mercies: so that my present feelings, and the tender emotions of my mind are such that I lose the power of utterance! I add no more, and must close abruptly.

NEW MILFORD, 1st Monday of October, 1832.

ELISHA BOSTWICK."

Upon the presentation of this letter, the town meeting caused the following record to be made:—

"At an Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of New Milford, legally warned and held at the Town house in said New Milford on the 1st Monday of October, 1832; Nathaniel Perry chosen moderator, Oliver W. Pickett clerk pro tem.

Voted that the thanks of the Town be presented to Col. Elisha Bostwick for his long and faithful services in the office of Town Clerk, and that his communication this day made to this meeting declining a reappointment be recorded upon the Record Book of the Town."

Colonel Bostwick was Representative from the town of New Milford to the Assembly fourteen sessions, and served his native town in many ways, quite to the satisfaction of the people. He was surveyor of lands, and did so much service in that capacity that he was familiar with the boundaries of nearly every farm and locality in the town, and by reason of which he was of great service to the inhabitants, and saved them much expense.

One of the most beautiful transactions in the life of this good man and public servant of the people took place in 1833, when he was eighty-five years of age. At that time the new Congregational meeting-house was just opened for worship where it now stands, and on the morning that Anan Hine was to commence tearing down the old meeting-house, which stood in the middle of the green, Col. Bostwick went into the old house,

took his usual seat, looked around on the seats where his kindred and neighbors had sat for worship during eighty years of his own memory ; then rising with the hymn-book in his hands, he sang a hymn, knelt and offered the last prayer in the old house, then arose and departed in peace to his own home. In the next year, on Dec. 11, 1834, when eighty-six years of age, he departed from his own "earthly tabernacle," and the spirit returned to God who gave it. His faithful and honored wife had departed just six months before him.

Mrs. Polly (Wells) Bull, daughter of Thomas Wells, of New Milford, and mother of Mrs. D. C. Sanford, was born March 16, 1784, and died Sept. 27, 1877, at the age of ninety-three years. She married Epaphras W. Bull, of Danbury, who died early, but a brief record of his life is found in the *Connecticut Gazetteer*, which is as follows :

Epaphras W. Bull, Esqr., distinguished for his high promise of talent, and for his patriotic zeal for the principles of Republicanism, was a native of this town [Hartford]. He was educated to the law, and commenced his professional career with unusual brilliancy. He established himself at Danbury, where at an early age he was elected a member of the General Assembly, which station he occasionally filled as long as he lived in this state. In this situation he was distinguished for his zeal and intrepidity in parliamentary debate, and displayed abilities which are scarcely to be found but in those of riper years.

Although he was a warm and active politician, and lived at a period of unusual party animosity, yet his political opponents could not but admit his brilliant talents, his dignified and commanding eloquence ; which, considering his early years, were to be regarded only as the dawn of his meridian sun.

He emigrated from Danbury to a place of the same name in the state of Ohio, situated upon Lake Erie, the settlement of which, soon after his arrival in the fall of 1812, was broken by the general eruption of the Indians, which upon that frontier followed the unfortunate and disgraceful capitulation of General Hull,⁶ and the consequent occupation of Detroit by the British.

⁶ That surrender is now known to have been one of the most noble and heroic acts of any American general.

Upon the above, which occasioned the abandonment of this settlement, Mr. Bull, with others, retired to Cleveland, where soon after he closed his earthly career, aged thirty-three years.

The following incidents in the life of Mrs. Bull, and the misfortunes that befel the family, were given by her upon special request, and were published in March, 1859, in a pamphlet called the *Fire Lands Pioneer*, and are sufficiently remarkable to secure permanent record as the experience of one of the daughters of New Milford.

"About the 11th of September, 1811, my husband, Mr. Epaphras W. Bull, and myself, with our family of three small children, and our colored servant woman, Patience, started from Danbury, Ct., for Sandusky, or as it was then called Danbury, Ohio. We were accompanied by Mr. Hoyt Patch, of Danbury, and his family, consisting of his wife, two small children, and a female friend of the family. Mr. Bull had, a few days previously, dispatched in advance a hired man and boy, with an ox wagon. This boy, it may be interesting to add, was Charles Hendricks, now a wealthy and well-known citizen of Rochester, N. Y.

My husband had bought a tract of land at Sandusky, and had spent some part of the previous summer there in preparing for the removal of his family.

We used in our journey the common covered emigrant wagons. Mr. Bull, however, took a saddle-horse to vary the method of riding, as we might wish, from time to time. Our course led us through Albany, Schenectady, Utica, and the other towns upon what was then called the northern route. The appearance of the country through which we passed was agreeable, but the places which I have mentioned were, at that time, small, quiet, and newly settled.

At Buffalo we spent several days waiting the arrival of our ox wagon, which we had overtaken and passed on our way. At last, embarking on a sloop, we set sail for Sandusky. The weather was favorable, and the run rapid, until we came in sight of our place of destination, when a storm arose and we were driven back almost to Buffalo. We went ashore at Point Ebinean, if I have the name right, and spent Sunday, and then put back to Buffalo. Thence we again sailed for Sandusky, but, after cruis-

ing about several days, making little headway, we went ashore at Erie, thence by land to Cleveland, and thence took water once more for Sandusky. This last voyage was crowned with success, for after a sail of a day and a half we landed at Huron, ten miles from Sandusky, and thence making our way thither by land, reaching our journey's end upon the 13th of October. The first night there was a violent rain, and our place of residence being on the peninsula, across the bay, we were obliged to sleep under a tent made from the sails of our bark. The succeeding day we crossed the bay, and reached our new home in good health.

Mr. Patch and family, and Major Parsons and family of Buffalo, N. Y., who joined us at that place as fellow-emigrants, but who had sailed in a different vessel, had made a more prosperous run and had arrived some fortnight before us. They had almost given us up for lost, and were overjoyed to see us safe at last. We found our residence pleasant in its natural advantages, with fine orchards of apple, peach, and cherry trees. Our house was built of logs, and was such as was conveniently erected and used by early settlers. We spent the ensuing fall and winter in the usual avocations of pioneer life, our settlement consisting of seven families living within the distance of a mile of each other. A Mr. Benham, from New Haven, true to his Yankee instincts, kept a store. The Indians occasionally paid us a visit, and sometimes encamped near us, behaving in a very friendly manner. Game and fish were very abundant, but the winter was severe,—so much so that the bay was frozen over, and once we saw seven wolves, together, making the best of their way across it on the ice, in search for better foraging.

In the spring our little community was thrown into great excitement by the murder of two white persons by a couple of Indians. This occurred about six miles from us, at Sandusky city, across the bay. The Indians were pursued and captured,—one by the whites and the other by friendly Indians. The first was tried and hung, the second shot himself, while in custody, discharging his gun, it was said, with his great toe while his hands were bound. They confessed that in committing the murder their object was that of plunder. The whites were unarmed men, and when killed were asleep in their house.

Soon after the declaration of war with Great Britain, our com-

pany erected a block-house, for a place of refuge in case of attack. During the summer rumors of war and dread of its actual approach rendered us somewhat disquieted, but some of the settlers, taking counsel of their fears, left the peninsula. It was not, however, until sometime in August, when our whole family were suffering with chills and fever that actual danger seemed to threaten us. One morning we were informed by men from the Lake Shore that the boats of the enemy were coming down the Lake, apparently intending to land, and it was supposed that the parties were hostile Indians. Upon reception of the news, I caught up a woollen sheet, tore it in two, and hastily throwing these garments around my two youngest children,—one about four and the other about two years of age,⁷ consigned them to the care of two of our hired men, while the rest of us made rapid preparations to follow them in flight. A few of our most important articles in housekeeping were concealed in heaps of brush, and then made all haste to cross the bay to secure safety. All the families then upon the peninsula embarked in the same boat and so crossed the bay. It soon began to rain and we took refuge, for a short time, in a log house that had been deserted, hoping that the rain would abate, but finding that it did not, we started in the midst of it for Huron, on foot. After proceeding some distance we reached a creek, which, a short time before our two hired men had crossed in safety, carrying the two youngest children, was now so swollen with rain that we could not follow them; and therefore spent the night in the woods. In the morning we received intelligence of Hull's surrender, and that those whom we supposed to be the enemy were our own troops on their way home. We knew, therefore, that we must make preparations for final flight, and returned to the peninsula so to do. The next day, toward sun-down, our men returned with the two children, to our great joy, having been absent two days and nights. After making very hasty preparation, burying the most valuable of our housekeeping articles, we crossed the bay at night, and the next morning, with one of our hired men driving, we set out in an ox wagon for Vermillion. The weather was warm, and the oxen, in spite of every effort to the contrary, maddened by the heat and the stings of flies and other

⁷ She is now the widow of the late Judge D. C. Sanford.

insects, plunged into the waters of the lake every few minutes, to our very great alarm, fearing that they might rush into some deep hole and drown us all. But after a fatiguing and perilous ride we reached Vermillion in safety, and put up at the house of Almon Ruggles, where we were very kindly entertained, for several weeks. A few days after our arrival our hired man went back to reconnoitre, and was shot by the Indians, and our house was burned to the ground. It was a new one, of the better class for an infant colony, which Mr. Bull had that summer built.

Mr. Bull meanwhile had gone to Cleveland to seek armed protection for his settlement and company. For some time,—two or three weeks perhaps, we heard nothing from him, which fact gave us much distress, but finally our anxiety was measurably relieved by a letter from him, stating that he had been very sick, was then convalescent and desiring me to join him at Cleveland with our family without delay. We did so, but though able to meet us at the landing, he soon relapsed fatally, and expired October 6, 1812. His fatigue and corroding anxiety regarding his family and friends, seemed to overpower him. Our whole family,—children, servants, and myself, fell sick at Cleveland and continued so for several months. We were very kindly treated by our friends there, but both of our hired men were carried off by the disease. The names of these men were Mixand and Woolsey, but their Christian names I do not remember. A man whom my father of New Milford had sent with a team, to bring us home, sickened and died when he had reached within a few miles of Cleveland, but in consequence of the very great kindness of General Alfred Kelly and Major Carter we made suitable arrangements, and in January, 1812, came to my father's house, in New Milford, traveling the whole distance except some ten miles, in a sleigh.

Dated at New Milford, June 25, 1858."

Heman A. Crane. The following sketch is given as a sample, or one of the many, that might be given, of those men who went out from New Milford to the South and West, and performed a quiet but noble and useful part in the public transactions of business life, and have left a name of honor and worth to the world.

Heman A. Crane, son of Stephen Crane, Jr., was born in New Milford in 1806; was a clerk in a New Haven store some years, and about 1830 he went to Darien, Georgia, where he engaged in business under the firm name of Rogers, Crane and Shackelford, agents for a line of steamers between Savannah and that port. In 1834, he married Miss Underwood, of St. Mary's, Georgia, and in 1843 removed to Savannah and entered the firm of O. G. Sparks and Company, wholesale grocers and commission merchants.

In 1870, he entered into partnership with his son, Horace A. Crane, which firm was continued until 1873 and then dissolved by the withdrawal of the latter accepting a position in the Southern bank. After that period to the time of his death he continued in active business as a commission merchant. He was a member of the Board of Commissions of Pilotage and of the Savannah Benevolent Association; was a zealous member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a ruling elder, and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school, in which he took a deep interest many years. While much respected and still in active life he departed this life in 1879, at the age of seventy-three years, leaving a widow and two children. One of his sons was killed in the late war.

*Rev. Thomas Davies, A.M.,*³ was born in the parish of Kinton, Herefordshire, England, Dec. 21, 1736. His grandfather, John Davies, and his father, John Davies, Jr., having previously visited this country, removed thither for their permanent home about the year 1740. They were devoted to the Church of England, and were the first members of that communion who settled in the town of Litchfield, Ct., which then included a much wider extent of territory than at present. By the efforts of the elder of these gentlemen, a church was soon organized, to which he gave the name of St. Michael's Parish, at the same time transferring to it a tract of fifty-two acres of land, and contributing largely to the erection of a church building.

Subsequently, by the territorial changes, the residence of the family having come within the limits of the town of Washing-

³ A memorial sketch prepared by a minister of Litchfield county in 1856. Sprague's Annals. Biographical sketch of the Rev. Thomas Davies, published in 1813.

ton, the son of this gentleman, and the father of the clergyman, desiring a house of worship for his own accommodation, and that of the few Episcopalians in his vicinity, erected a church upon his own farm, which passed at his death into the possession of the parish of St. John's, Washington. This building, although removed, is still (1856) standing, and though now, perhaps, the smallest church-edifice in the diocese, is a noble monument of the Christian zeal and liberality of a layman of the last century.

Coming from such a stock, Thomas Davies was early imbued with a devout affection for the church of his fathers, and early devoted himself to its ministry. Having pursued a course preparatory for college at his father's house, with such helps as he was able to command, he became a member of Yale College, where he was graduated in 1758, under the presidency of the Rev. Thomas Clap. At the expiration of three years' study for the ministry, he sailed for England; received there ordination at the hands of Dr. Thomas Sicker, then Archbishop of Canterbury, in the chapel of Lambeth Palace, being admitted to the diaconate on Sunday, Aug. 23, 1761, and advanced to the priesthood on the following day.

On his return to this country, his commission from the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, designated him the missionary of New Milford, Roxbury, Sharon, New Preston, and New Fairfield, and to these Litchfield was soon after added. In addition to the above-named places, he held services in Washington, Kent, Cornwall, Salisbury, Great Barrington, and Woodbury. It is stated that in Great Barrington several members of his parish were imprisoned because they did not "go to meeting" as it was then called, notwithstanding they had paid their tax for the support of the Congregational minister, but by the conciliating management of Mr. Davies these troubles seem to have abated, and he had the satisfaction on Christmas day, 1764, of opening a new church in that parish for divine worship, and of celebrating the Holy Communion in the presence of a numerous congregation. Other churches also were built as proof of the efficiency of his labors. The one in New Milford, especially, is said to have cost him much self-denial and sacrifice.

On the 5th of November, 1764, Mr. Davies laid before the people of New Milford a proposal which had been made to him

from the parish of Hempstead, Long Island, urging him to accept a call to become their minister, but the proposition was unanimously opposed by his people, and in accordance with their wishes he declined the invitation. The account of this whole proceeding is given by himself, of which the following is a copy.

"October, 1764. Mr. Benjamin Howlett of Hempstead, Long Island, by the desire and appointment of the Vestry of that Church, came to visit and solicit me to remove and become their minister: Mr. Seabury being deceased. In order to engage me for that purpose, he had previously learned my character, my method, my present extensive mission, my infirmity of body, and my salary. Upon a consideration of these particulars, at the same time representing Hempstead as a place of health, unpolished with high living, and of sole residence, so that a missionary would preach at Hempstead only; the maintenance better and paid punctually. These general reasons, he thought, would induce me to go. I told him it was a truth, I was greatly and frequently out of health, and often lame with rheumatism, so as to put me to much pain, and thereby made my fatiguing mission much more fatiguing and wearisome, that I had no certainty of either growing better at present, that my removal would be greatly to my advantage, and to my ease; that there I should have no riding, but be confined to my study, and one Church and parish; that the income would well support my family, and enable me to provide against sickness, old age, or an increasing family. These particulars I told him were to my liking, and I had no objection to avail myself of them. But there were two difficulties which must be removed before I could give an answer. The *first* is, that as far as I am able to judge, the people under my care can have no aversion to my person, or my public performances, that therefore they would be dissatisfied should I think of leaving them. And in the *second* place, when I went for orders, they contributed near £60 lawful money, to help bear my expenses, which money I should little better than cheat them of, should I go away, and not repay them, which I am determined not to do. As to the *first* difficulty, said he, I suppose you are under no other obligations than other *missionaries*, and your removing to another branch of the same family. If you do them no injustice they cannot complain, and you *do* them no injustice if you have faithfully done your duty whilst you were with them. If the duty be hard and the income small, they can lay no obligations upon any man honestly to accept a call where the duty is easy, and the income sufficient, and where he may be just as serviceable in the Church. Your people may have another gentleman whom they may like as well, and who ought to take his turn in performing the harder duty, and without any farther cost to them. For although we know nothing about your engagements to this people in sending you home for orders, yet *that* shall make no difficulty, as we will repay it, if they don't be supplied without. This was the substance of our conversation, which I told him I should communicate to my friends, and for that purpose put it in writing immediately.

"The above I read November 5th at New Milford, which was unanimously opposed, and I was earnestly desired to drop all thoughts of leaving them, which was agreed. *Finis.*"

This decision of Mr. Davies, in refusing to go away unless the £60 should be refunded to those who had advanced it to obtain his ordination, is an illustration of exact uprightness and Chris-

tian character, and it contrasts rather severely with the character of the doings of the first Episcopal minister in Newtown. This minister was the Rev. John Beach, who was settled in 1724, on a salary; and a settlement was given him in view of his serving the parish during life, or his ability to do so. At the expiration of eight years, he united with the Episcopal Church, but kept all his settlement. This was regarded as a very dishonorable matter throughout the Colony, and ever after that it was the custom, upon the settlement of a minister in the Congregational Churches, to exact a bond of him, as they did of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, in New Milford, if he should deviate from the Saybrook Platform, or fidelity to the Congregational Church over which he was settled, he should return or surrender a proper proportion of the settlement he had received from that Church. When the Rev. Stanley Griswold, after a service of eleven years, was about to leave New Milford, he submitted the whole matter of his settlement to the vote of the town, and in view of the conduct of the Association towards him, he being a perfectly acceptable minister to the Church and town, they voted that he should keep all the settlement given him.

The Rev. Thomas Davies, though invited to more eligible fields of labor, was not induced to make the change.

In February, 1776, he contracted a fever, and when only partially restored to health he imprudently exposed himself by riding out. The consequence was, the return of the disease, which soon assumed the form of quick consumption, and terminated his life at New Milford, May 12, 1766.

He married April 1, 1762, Mary, daughter of Joel Hervey of Sharon, but earlier of New Milford. She was a niece of Partidge Thatcher. Mr. Davies left two children, a son and a daughter; William, the eldest, became a very successful and influential citizen of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N. Y., where his descendants still remain. The daughter, Charlotte, married Jonathan Burrall, of Canaan, Conn.

In the published memoir of Mr. Davies, the opinion is expressed, as the judgment of the Church, that had he lived he would have been one of the most acceptable candidates for the office of Bishop, when that office should have been granted to the Church in America.

The late Professor Charles Davies, of West Point Military Academy, and author of a series of Text Books, was grandson to John Davies, who was brother to the Rev. Thomas Davies.

It is the purpose to publish in this work the Journal kept by Rev. Mr. Davies, as containing many historical items of New Milford and adjoining towns; and if the genealogies do not extend to too great a length to allow it, this Journal will be printed near the close of the book.

Rev. Albert Elijah Dunning was born in Brookfield, Conn., Jan. 5, 1844, and was the son of Elijah S. and Abigail (Beach) Dunning. He was graduated at Yale College in 1867, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1870. From that time until the close of the year 1880 he was pastor of the Highland Congregational Church, of Boston, Mass., when he resigned that position and became General Superintendent of Sunday-school work in the Congregational body in the United States, in connection with the Congregational Publishing Society, which position he still occupies.

His mother, now Mrs. Abigail E. Mead, resides in Bridgewater.

Daniel Everitt,^o Esq., was a native of Bethlehem, and settled in New Milford as a lawyer some time during the early part of the Revolutionary War, probably as early as 1776 or 1777, possibly earlier, as from a record I have access to I see he was married to a daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor on the 1st of January, 1778, and I remember that he lived here some time before that event. He had not a collegiate education, but was a man of good education and received an honorary degree. He read law with Judge Adams of Litchfield, and I remember to have heard him say that he occasionally officiated in Mr. Adams' place as State's Attorney, when he (Mr. Adams) was absent in Congress, which he often was during the war of the Revolution. Mr. Everitt was a man of much wit, boundless extravagance of expression, quick conception, and in command of language and fluency of utterance unsurpassed, but not of much depth of mind; nor had he much

^o Early Lights of the Litchfield Bar, by Judge D. S. Boardman.

legal learning; his library extending little beyond Blackstone and Jacob's Law Dictionary. He had, I believe, a very good run of practice, when the Court really opened to do civil business, after the conclusion of the war. His success in this respect was, however, of rather short duration; a number of younger lawyers having about that time commenced practice here, and other circumstances conspired to carry business away from him, and he never recovered it. While studying law I heard him argue a case or two, keeping the Court-house in a roar by his wit and sarcasm; but by the time I was admitted, viz., in 1795, he had about given up attending Courts at Litchfield, though he was not fifty years of age—and indeed he was, I think, but fifty-seven when he died, in 1805. I met him, however, a few times, before Arbitrators and Justices, and had enough to do to parry his home thrusts of good-natured wit. Before him I often went, as he tried almost all the justice cases, which he always did with entire integrity, and usually came to a correct conclusion. He represented this town, I think, three times in the General Assembly, and as a member of the convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States. He was a man of strict honesty, entire moral rectitude of conduct, and a professor of religion. He was, however, much given to sociality, and to that conviviality which sometimes borders on a kindred indulgence. Mr. Everitt succeeded the late Col. Samuel Canfield as Judge of Probate in this district in 1790, and held that office till his death, at the time above mentioned.

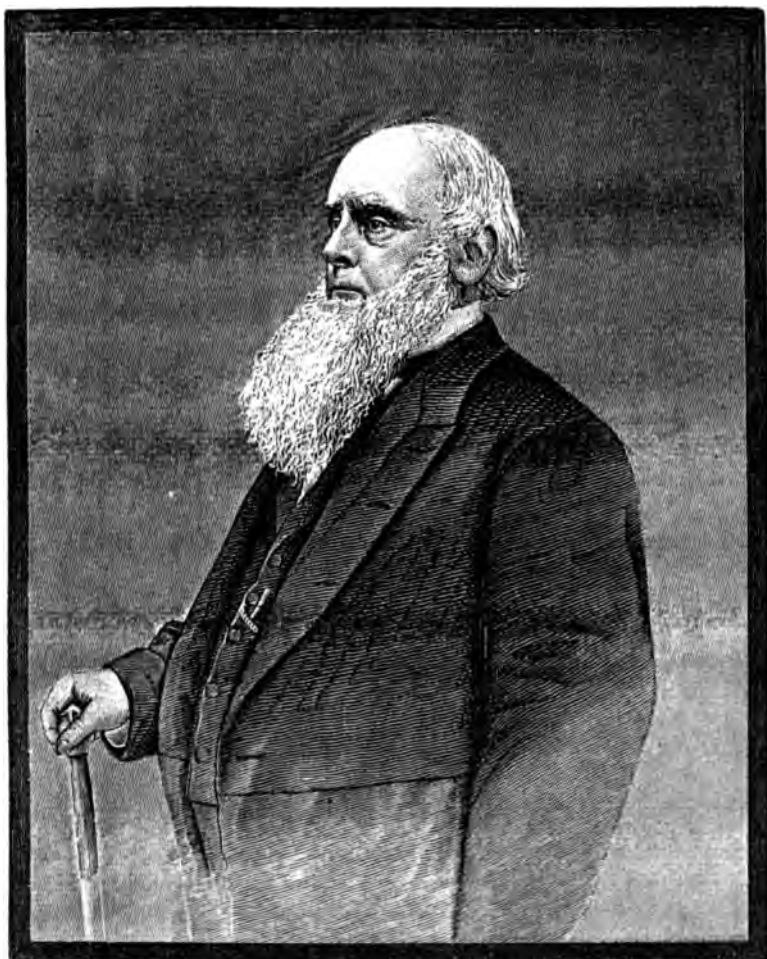
David Ferriss, son of Zachariah and Sarah Ferriss, was born in Stratford, Mar. 10, 1707, and the next year his parents removed to New Milford, where they resided until their deaths. David became interested in religious life, he says, in 1727, in a revival in New Milford, but the revival was in 1726, and he and eleven other young men, with eleven young women, joined Mr. Boardman's church in November and December of the year 1726. Of this revival Mr. Ferriss wrote: "I think there were nearly sixty of us, in about one year, who joined in close communion with the Presbyterians, in the participation of the bread and wine." He says further, in speaking of the progress made: "Our understanding became illuminated, so as to perceive some

things in a different light from that in which they were seen by our fellow-professors, and sometimes we ventured to mention some of these, which soon involved us in trouble. We were accused of holding heretical opinions, and were brought before the church to answer the accusation. Neighboring ministers were called to deal with us, on this occasion." Mr. Ferriss wrote the points of difference and the reasons for the same, which paper was read to the church meeting, and after his explanations of the written statements it was concluded that there was nothing to prevent their continuance in communion relations, and the matter was so decided.

David Ferriss prepared for college under a teacher at Danbury, and afterwards passed the examinations in Yale College, except the last year, when becoming prejudiced against "taking degrees," as he says, he refused to accept a diploma, and left college without it. This was a great trial to his father, who had struggled hard to give him this liberal education. His views were such that he was reported to be a Quaker. He returned to New Milford, and in about three weeks went to a yearly meeting of the Quakers on Long Island, at which time he became decided in making that people his choice in church relations.

In 1733 he removed to Philadelphia, where he joined the Quakers. In 1735 he married Mary, the daughter of Samuel Massy, and in 1737 removed to Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, where he made his residence the remainder of his life, and where his brother Benjamin also resided for a time. David taught school two years, and on going to Wilmington engaged as a merchant, which occupation he afterwards followed. In 1755 he became a Quaker preacher, and afterwards was quite active as such. "Bodily weakness attended him during the last three years of his life, and near the close he was much afflicted with sickness." He departed this life the 5th of the Twelfth month, 1779.

He wrote an account of his life, which was published in a small volume in 1855, with the title, "*Memoirs of the Life of David Ferriss.*"



Geo. H. Noble

Rev. Stanley Griswold, son of Shubael Griswold of Torrington, in the town of Torrington, Conn., was born Nov. 14, 1763, and was graduated at Yale College in 1786. For a time he had been a Lieutenant, under his father as Captain, in the war of the Revolution. Having completed his theological studies he was ordained colleague pastor with Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, by the Litchfield Consociation, at New Milford, Jan. 20, 1790.

Mr. Griswold had preached with great success in this parish seven years, when he was notified to meet the Litchfield South Association to answer to a "complaint" brought by Rev. Ebenezer Porter against him, as entertaining erroneous doctrines and immoral practices—the immoral practices being that "he had repeatedly attended upon public balls or dances at late hours in the night."

The citation to trial says: "I, the subscriber, made a visit to the Rev. S. Griswold of New Milford, and conversed with him on sundry points of religion concerning which the said Mr. Griswold had been reported as being essentially erroneous," and then after stating the items of error, it says, "I have largely and freely conversed with the said Mr. Griswold on the articles above mentioned, but he did not to my satisfaction exculpate himself from the alleged errors." Mr. Porter says further that he requested Mr. Griswold to meet him and two or three other brethren at some specified time, and that Mr. Griswold refused.

Mr. Griswold says, in a pamphlet, that he knew nothing of the visit of Mr. Porter as having any reference to any such matter as his erroneous doctrinal views, and had no suspicion of any such thing until cited to trial at Roxbury, July 5, 1797. He went to Roxbury at the time, but refused to go before the Association as a brother under charges, before he had been heard in his own defence. He requested that the charges be laid aside and he allowed to appear before his brethren as a brother, pledging that if he did not satisfy them as to his soundness in doctrine they might then proceed against him. This the Association would not do. Mr. Griswold then sent to it his written defence, and this the Association refused to read, and expelled Mr. Griswold from its fellowship.

On July 2d, three days before the appointed time for the trial of Mr. Griswold, several members of the New Milford Church

sent a letter to the Association, stating that at a church meeting held after service on Sunday, "it was unanimously voted in a full meeting that notwithstanding all their means of knowledge by constant attendance on public worship . . . they have never been led to entertain an opinion opposed to the doctrines preached" by Mr. Griswold. This paper was signed by Sherman Boardman, Nehemiah Strong, Abel Hine, Josiah Starr, Eleazur Warner, Daniel Everitt, and Philo Ruggles. There were not at that time seven men in New Milford more capable of judging in such a matter than these ; all of them advanced in years.

Prof. Nehemiah Strong wrote a long address to the Association on the subject, which is still preserved, and it is a forcible document against the proceedings of that body.

So highly was the Church at New Milford incensed against the Association in this matter that in 1805, three years after Mr. Griswold had left the town, it withdrew from the Association.

This is the brief outward history of this matter ; what is the secret ? Mr. Stanley Griswold, a very popular preacher, not long after his settlement in New Milford, sustained the Democratic party in politics, and avowed himself opposed to the connection of church and State, as the Congregational Churches were then related to the government. His address on this subject, afterwards delivered and printed, is still preserved, and not only is an able document, but is just what the Congregational churches, in sentiment, now sustain. Mr. Griswold's views were only about eighty years ahead of the times.

Two charges were presented against him as to erroneous doctrine ; the first says that "It had been reported that he, the said Mr. Griswold, had, in his public preaching, asserted things inconsistent with the doctrine of the total depravity of human nature ;" and the second states, "That he had, in his preaching, advanced the sentiment of universal salvation, or final restoration of all men to the favor of God." These were the only ones as to doctrine, neither of which was ever proved by a single witness ; and he denied, both by proposing to state his views candidly before the Association, if they would allow him to do so as a brother not under charges, as if already condemned, assur-



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ing them that he believed the statements would be satisfactory to them. Mr. Griswold's funeral sermon of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, preached in 1800, is sufficient refutation of both these charges.

Judged in the light of the prevailing sentiments of Congregational ministers of Connecticut at the present day, on doctrines and brotherly treatment, the proceedings of the Association against the Rev. Stanley Griswold was in spirit as far from right and righteousness as the summary proceedings of the Roman Catholic Church against Christians in the days of the inquisition. (See pages 264-268.)

Rev. Enoch Huntington was the Rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church for twenty years, from 1827 to 1847. He was born in Middletown, Conn., March 15, 1801, entered Yale College intending to follow his father's profession of the law, but, being led to a thorough investigation of religious questions by one of the stirring revivals of religious life in that college, he decided to study for the ministry of the Episcopal Church, a decision of no little independence of thought and character in those less liberal if more earnest days. He graduated at Yale College in 1821. In 1822 he was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Brownell, and in 1822, he was admitted to priest orders and sent out to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, by Bishop White, where he made many valuable friends for himself and the church.

His father's declining years called him to his home in Middletown so frequently in the days before railroads made travel easy, that he was obliged to relinquish his charge in Wilkesbarre. He accordingly accepted a call to the struggling and half-discouraged parish in New Milford in 1827. The venerable church edifice then stood in the middle of the street.

This old church was rapidly going to decay when the young minister arrived. The roof leaked so badly on one side that if a rain-storm came up while the congregation was engaged in worship they either had to raise their umbrellas, or move their seats to the less sieve-like side of the building.

The congregation were few and far between even on a pleasant Sunday, and in winter, but for the foot stoves that the good

ladies used to carry and refill at the big box stoves, Jack Frost would have prevailed over even the eloquent warmth of a Whitfield. Soon, however, the irresistible geniality and inexhaustible good spirits of the new rector began to tell on the stay-at-homes and the unattached residents of the town. Everybody knew him and he knew and had a pleasant word with everybody. In 1828, May 29th, he married Charlotte Taylor, eldest daughter of John Taylor, who still survives, in a cheerful old age, at the pleasant village of South Manchester, Conn. So well known was he in all the region round that he was called to officiate at weddings and at funerals in adjoining towns where he had been to establish missions.

Not a district school-house existed in the town where he had not held or tried to hold a service. Soon after his arrival, and before he had heard of an old name of one of the districts, called "the Jerusalem district," he appointed a service, and took for his text of course quite innocently, "O Jerusalem! thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee." It took a long time for these dwellers in the new Jerusalem to forget the delightful naivete and manifest innocence of the young prophet. They had many a good-natured laugh at his expense, and used to love to give him many kind attentions that were not stones either in their value or as evidences of high esteem.

One of the highest compliments paid to this devoted man, and which was not regarded as so very complimentary at the time, may be found in the fact that he was regularly elected to the rectorship, for one year only, twenty consecutive times, or at every Easter meeting. How many rectors would or could stand such a trial now-a-days? This custom had grown up from the early feebleness of the parish. To hire a rector longer than one year seemed to be beyond their strength or hopes.

The missionary spirit was dominant in the Rev. Mr. Huntington. He was in his element when going, as he did, from day to day, from house to house. In this way he was permitted to see his parish grow; the old dilapidated church removed, and the new church building erected. With what joy would he now taste of the fruit of his labors if we who survive him could join in his songs in Paradise over the consecration of the new "St. John's?"



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He passed the last years of his life in missionary labors, and entered into rest at South Manchester, Sept. 4, 1876, aged 75 years.

His youngest daughter, Sarah Ward Huntington, has devoted her life to the care of her mother who still lives on the homestead purchased in South Manchester for the old minister's last earthly home.

Mary Gray Huntington, his second daughter, lives with her husband and three children at Westport, Ct. She married the Rev. J. E. Coley.

Sophia Deming Huntington married Mr. Theodore D. Beardsley of Monroe, Ct. She now lives there, a widow, with one child.

Samuel Gray Huntington married Rebecca Hurd of Monroe, Ct., where he now resides.

John Taylor Huntington was the younger son of Rev. E. Huntington.

Rev. John Taylor Huntington, son of Rev. Enoch and Charlotte (Taylor) Huntington, was born in New Milford, and fitted for college by his father. He won the highest honor of his class,—the valedictory oration—at Trinity College, where he was graduated in 1850. In the General Theological Seminary at New York City he divided the Greek and Ecclesiastical Historical prizes with his competitor. He was assistant minister of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, from 1853 to 1856; the first rector of St. John's Church, New Haven, from 1856 to 1862; Professor of the Greek language and literature in Trinity College, Hartford, Ct., from 1864 to 1878; the first rector of St. James' Church, Hartford, from 1868 to 1870, to which he was re-elected after an interregnum of eight years, in 1878, and where he still serves.

George H. Noble, son of Ezra Noble, was born March 12, 1814, and was educated in the public school. He was engaged as clerk in New Haven from 1828 to 1838, where he married Jan. 6, 1835, Henrietta, daughter of Abel Burritt of New York City. After spending about four years as a merchant in New York City and in Augusta, Ga., he returned, in 1842, to New Milford and became associated with his brother,

Hiram B. Noble, in the manufacturing of boots and shoes. They made a specialty of goods for the California trade, and did an extensive business. He was postmaster of New Milford for three years from 1853, and was a delegate to the National Convention in 1860, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. Previous to this he was for several years bank commissioner for Connecticut. He was for nearly ten years, from 1862, assessor of internal revenue for the district where he resided, and was for several years a director of the Housatonic Railroad.

He was an influential member of the Congregational Church and Society. He died Dec. 10, 1872, aged 58 years.

Miss Sally Northrop was born June 28, 1776, in a house situated on the west side of "Park Lane," then called "Poplar Street," about a quarter of a mile north of the old cemetery.

Her father was Amos Northrop, a native of this town. He was graduated at Yale College in 1762, and in 1768 married Annie Grant, a daughter of Captain Thomas Grant of Litchfield, Conn.

He was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, and died in 1779 from a disease contracted during the war, leaving his widow with four children. She shortly after married Thomas Wells, a native of Stratford, Conn., and removed with her family to his farm, further north on the east side of Park Lane, where Miss Northrop lived for eighty years.

In 1860, she came to reside in the village with her neice, Mrs. David C. Sanford, where she remained until her death.

Her long life was passed entirely in her native town, and is remarkable for its quiet cheerfulness, its usefulness and charity.

Advantages for education in our smaller towns were in her day, of course, extremely limited, but she was by natural endowments unusually bright and original in her methods of thought and was a constant reader, and even in extreme old age was intensely interested in the news and topics of the day. She was thoroughly patriotic, and during our civil war gave work, money, and prayers in aid of the Federal Army. She never married, and used to say "she was born a subject of King George but had never been subject to any man since."

In 1828, Miss Northrop united with the Congregational Church in this village, then under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Eliot, and was ever after a consistent member and prominent in all good works undertaken by her own denomination; but was not, however, sectarian in her feelings, and all the religious bodies of the town profited from time to time, by her generosity. To help the poor and needy wherever they were found, was always to her a pleasure.

During her long life she scarcely knew what sickness was, and the infirmities of age crept on so gently that she failed to realize them.

At one hundred years of age, with mind and memory clear as ever, she looked back over her century, called this "a beautiful world," and wished she could live her whole life over again.

Death came without disease, and she passed away as one falling asleep, Dec. 16, 1876, aged one hundred years, five months, and nineteen days.

Rev. William L. Peck was born in New York City on the 22d of September, 1823.

His parents, Theophilus and Sarah Hobby Peck, were both natives of the town of Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn.

The early education of their son was conducted at St. Luke's School and the Columbia College Grammar School, of New York, and he was graduated from Columbia College in 1841.

In 1844 he married Miss Hannah M. Purdy, the adopted daughter of the late Thomas Purdy, of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., and he remained to take charge of the farm for about a year and a half. Then he returned to New York City and to his previous occupation as bookkeeper. A few years later he commenced a course of study preparatory to the ministry, and was ordained Deacon on the 4th of March, 1855, and Priest on the 21st of February, 1858.

In April of the same year he became Rector of St. Mark's Church, Newcastle, and St. John's Church, Pleasantville, both in Westchester Co., N. Y. In connection with these duties, he took charge of the Mount Kisco Educational Institute.

In April, 1864, he became Associate Rector of Deer Hill Institute, a boarding-school for boys, under the charge of the Rev. I. L. Townsend; and was also Missionary to the towns of Sher-

man and New Fairfield, in the same county. In October, 1866, he became Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bantam, and Trinity Church, Milton, both in the town of Litchfield, Conn., and also conducted a parish school in the village of Litchfield, under the auspices of St. Michael's Parish.

On the 30th of April, 1871, he became Assistant to the Rev. William H. Lewis, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Watertown, Conn., which office he held, in connection with the charge of a school in the Academy Building, until the resignation of Dr. Lewis, at Easter, 1874.

About the 1st of July of the same year, he became Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marbledale, and St. John's Church, Washington, Conn., where he is still prosecuting his labors with energy and success.

Noah Porter, D.D., LL.D., was born in Farmington, Conn., Dec. 11, 1811. He was the son of Rev. Noah Porter, D.D., who was pastor of the Congregational Church at that place for sixty years, from 1806, and Hetty Meigs, his wife.

The son, Noah, Jr., was graduated at Yale College in 1831, and was master of the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven two years (from 1831 to 1833), and tutor in Yale College two years (from 1833 to 1835).

During his long residence in New Haven he became acquainted with Miss Mary, daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, D.D., Professor of Theology in Yale, and extensively known as a theologian, and they were married April 13, 1836. Her father was a native of New Milford, the son of Nathaniel Taylor, and the grandson of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor (and Tamar Boardman, his wife), the second pastor of the Congregational Church in New Milford. Mrs. Porter is a great favorite among her friends and relatives in New Milford, where her strong attachments to the place and people have brought her for many years to spend several weeks of each summer. Being related to, and socially intimate with, the older and leading families of the place, her visits are recognized with interest and satisfaction, and to her memory, well stored with the narrations she heard in her childhood and youth from her kindred, of the ancient customs, manners, transactions, and names, in and con-



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cerning this her parent's native town, these pages are much indebted.

Noah Porter, Jr., was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at New Milford, April 27, 1836, by which he became the successor in the pastoral office to Revs. Heman Rood, Andrew Elliot, Stanley Griswold, Nathaniel Taylor, and Daniel Boardman; his wife being a lineal descendant also from the last two. Six years Mr. Porter labored with good success in this parish; but the field was large as it is still, the labor was taxing to the energies of the young man in his first pastorate, who possessed at the time not a very robust constitution, and therefore he sought a change to a field less severe, and was dismissed in 1842, and installed pastor of the South Congregational Church at Springfield, Mass., in 1843. From this church he was dismissed in December, 1846, to accept the Clark Professorship of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics in Yale College, to which he had been elected in the August preceding; where he continued until elected President of Yale College in 1871. He received the title of Doctor of Divinity from the New York University in 1858, and that of LL.D. from the Western Reserve College in 1870, and the same from Trinity College in 1871.

In 1864 he was the principal editor of Webster's Dictionary, and is the author of the "Human Intellect" and other works.

Besides having had marked success in the position he occupies in the College, he is widely known both in America and Europe as a philosophical writer, on moral and religious topics, through the quarterlies and higher literary and scientific journals.

Samuel Ruggles was born in that part of Brookfield which was originally a part of New Milford township, in 1795, and departed this life at Fort Atkinson a few years since. He was fitted for college under the guardianship of his brother Isaac W. Ruggles (his father having died when he was but eight days of age), entered Yale College, and had completed his first year and entered upon the second, when a hemorrhage of the lungs caused his physician to recommend that he give up his college course and pursue an out-door life. Not long after this he became employed in behalf of the Mission School at Cornwall, Ct., and in

soliciting funds for the Foreign Missionary work, and while engaged in this work, residing at the Cornwall School, he became acquainted with Obookiah, a native of the Sandwich Islands, brought to New Haven by a shipmaster in 1808, and partially promised him to become a missionary to his native Islands. For a year or more he pursued this work for the Foreign Board, and then joined the company to go and establish the mission on the Sandwich Islands. This company consisted of the following persons: Rev. Hiram Bingham and Rev. Asa Thurston and their wives; with Thomas Holman, a physician, Samuel Whitney and Samuel Ruggles, teachers; Elisha Loomis, printer, and Daniel Chamberlin, a farmer, and their wives; and Thomas Hopu, William Kanui (Tenooe), and John Honuri (Honoore), three Hawaiian young men from the Cornwall School.

They embarked at Boston, Oct. 23, 1819, and arrived off the coast of Hawaii on the 31st of March, 1820. The family were separated and stationed in parties on different islands, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Ruggles went to reside at Waimea, on Kauai, while his sister, Mrs. Dr. Holman, and her husband were stationed at Kailua with Mr. and Mrs. Thurston, the others at Honolulu.

Mr. Samuel Ruggles, having great ability in the study of languages—which has been a family trait from the first Benjamin, who graduated at Cambridge when but seventeen years of age, and was renewed in his great-grandson, Samuel B., who graduated when he was but fifteen—had a large part in constructing the language of the Sandwich Islanders into an alphabet and a grammar. He labored there with much efficiency and success fifteen years, when he returned to Brookfield, where he resided until he removed to his daughter's home, in Fort Atkinson, not many years since, where he died.

Samuel Bulkley Ruggles, LL.D., was born in New Milford, Connecticut, April 11, 1799; the eldest son of the Hon. Philo and Ellen Bulkley Ruggles. In 1804, his parents removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which place he entered the senior class in Yale College in August, 1813, in his fourteenth year, and where he was graduated the next year, being a little past fourteen years of age. He was prepared to enter college when but twelve years old, but could not be admitted on account of his age, and therefore continued his studies privately, and entered as early as

his age would allow and graduated in one year. His great-great grandfather, Rev. Benjamin Ruggles, of Suffield, Connecticut, was graduated at Cambridge when seventeen years of age.

Samuel B. Ruggles, after graduating, studied law, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1821, and opened an office for the practice of his profession in that city, where he soon became known as one of the foremost in the work of developing the natural resources of the city.

Like most lawyers, after having acquired success in his profession, Mr. Ruggles turned his attention to politics, and in 1838 he was elected to the legislature as one of the representatives of the city of New York, and was chosen chairman of the committee of Ways and Means. His report on the Canal Policy of the State, at that time, though derided by political opponents as visionary and exaggerated, is one of the ablest of state papers. His estimate in the report was, that if the Erie Canal should be enlarged, its tolls would reach the sum of three millions of dollars at the close of navigation in 1849. The actual figures were over three and one-half millions.

From the time he first espoused the cause of the Erie Canal, until his death, there was no wavering in his devotion to the cause of internal improvements.

In 1839 he was appointed a Canal Commissioner, and in 1840, President of the Canal Board—an office which he filled with distinction for eighteen years.

In 1858 Mr. Ruggles retired from the Canal Board, but still retained a commanding influence on questions affecting the commercial growth of the city of New York, by virtue of his position as a prominent member of the New York Chamber of Commerce. He was familiar with every topic of importance relating to the ferries, franchises, railways, and docks of New York. He was a thorough master of municipal law, and accurately knew the history of that city from its origin. Before he was thirty years of age he was a public man, and without becoming a politician—for which indeed his frankness of character unfitted him—he was a trusted counsellor, first of the Whig leaders and afterwards of the Republican party. He had traveled much both abroad and in his own country, and had traveled to good purpose, acquainting himself with the people as well as with the

resources of all the regions which he visited ; and few men had a wider circle of relations with the principal public men of all parties. He was a charming and fluent talker in private life, holding all his stores of reading and information well in hand, and enlivening his conversation with the lambent play of a ready wit and a genuine sense of humor.

Mr. Ruggles was an original promoter of the bill creating the Central Park, and to his intelligent advocacy and the work done by him in conjunction with his son, Mr. James F. Ruggles, who was the indefatigable secretary of the commission to condemn and appraise the land taken for the park, the early success and subsequent popularity of that enterprise were largely due. When the civil war broke out he at once became an active member of the Union Defence Committee of New York City, and was one of the founders of the Union League Club, and throughout the war he gave himself without stint to the Union cause. No New Yorker was more useful to or more highly esteemed by President Lincoln.

In 1866 he was appointed United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, and issued a report on his return that admirably set forth his observations in the field to which he was assigned, which ranked with the report of Mr. Abraham S. Hewitt on the labor question and the iron industry of Europe, as a state paper. In 1867, he passed his second summer in Paris as a delegate to the International Monetary Conference, where he took rank as an authority in finance and economical statistics and compelled the respect of his European associates. Two years later, with equal distinction, he represented the United States as a delegate to the International Statistical Conference at the Hague. Besides these services, Mr. Ruggles had been a member of many important public commissions, and had served the interests of the city of New York and the State in many capacities, always with zeal, energy, integrity, and intelligence.

Since 1831 Mr. Ruggles had issued probably one hundred commercial and economical pamphlets, many of them in the form of reports or addresses before the Chamber of Commerce. In early days he was the friend and trusted adviser of William H. Seward, who on his election as Governor placed Mr. Ruggles at the head of the Canal Board, where his ability and integrity were

of the highest value to the State. He was also a member of Governor Seward's council.

It seemed a great pleasure to him when the pressing engagements of business would allow to return to New Milford, view the home of his nativity—where now the Treadwell House stands—and converse with the citizens of the town of the days and the personages that would come no more. Kindly, thoughtfully, cheerfully would he speak of all that had gone before, especially of his kindred, who at one time, in number and in character, formed an important part of his native town.

Mr. Ruggles died August 28, 1881, aged eighty-one years, at the Surf Hotel, Fire Island, where he had been spending the summer. He left one son, Mr. James F. Ruggles, of New York City, and one daughter, the wife of Mr. George T. Strong of the same city.

Judge David Curtis Sanford. 1798–1864. The following notice is taken from the Connecticut Law Reports, vol. 32.

David C. Sanford, the son of Joel Sanford, was born in that part of New Milford which has since been incorporated as the town of Bridgewater. His early opportunities for education were limited and he was self-made. His father was a merchant, with only a common-school education, but with an acute and inquiring mind, and with a great fondness for mathematics, in which he attained a remarkable proficiency. These qualities he transmitted to and stimulated in his son, who assisted him in his business and acquired a good common-school education, but enjoyed no other educational advantages except for a term or two at an academy. With this preparation he commenced the study of the law at the early age of nineteen; first, for a short time in the office of the Hon. Perry Smith at New Milford, and soon after for a considerable time in that of the Hon. Seth P. Beers at Litchfield. He subsequently completed his three years of study at the law school of Judge Chapman at Newtown, and was admitted to the bar in Fairfield county in August, 1820, at the age of twenty-two.

He immediately opened an office in New Milford, but within a few months removed to Litchfield, and there devoted himself assiduously to such business as he was able to obtain, and especi-

ally to professional improvement by constant study and attendance upon the courts. The advantages offered by Litchfield for professional improvement were at that time very considerable, and were the chief inducement to his location there. General C. F. Sedgwick, who was contemporary with him, in an address to the court, upon presenting the action taken by the bar respecting the death of Judge Sanford, alluded thus to the manner in which he pursued his great purpose :—" He would have attracted the attention of a stranger coming into the court-house, by his personal beauty and polished manners. He would also have been noticed as watching carefully the proceedings of the court, and listening to the remarks of the counsel and the judges and to the statements of witnesses with eager attention ; thus learning law in every practical way."

Soon after going to Litchfield, Mr. Beers, with whom he had studied, and who was then in a very extensive practice at that place, invited him to a partnership, which he accepted. Their connection existed until Mr. Beers accepted the office of Commissioner of the School Fund, and left the business entirely to Mr. Sanford.

He continued in full practice at Litchfield until 1832, when Judge Bissell being elected a Judge of the Supreme Court, left an opening at Norwalk, and Mr. Sanford was induced by the solicitation of many prominent citizens of that place, and a desire to escape from the rigorous winter climate of Litchfield, to remove to Norwalk. The Bar of Litchfield County was then one of great ability. Roger M. Sherman, Thaddeus Betts, Eliphalet Swift, Charles Hawley, Simeon H. Minor, Reuben Booth, Henry Dutton, and Daniel H. Belden were among the older members, and there were well-read and acute minds among the younger ones, and hence it was not an inviting field for an ordinary man. Mr. Sanford took position in the front rank of those of his own age, and felt assured of an honorable and successful career in that county; but soon after, a severe domestic affliction depressed his spirits and unfitted him for the contest which his position required, and he returned to New Milford, where he ever afterwards resided. Here, upon returning to business, he soon acquired a full and lucrative practice, which continued until his elevation to the bench.

As a lawyer, Mr. Sanford was faithful, industrious, discriminating, courteous, and successful. He was not brilliant as an advocate or public speaker, but was ready, clear, convincing, and effective in the presentation of truth, and that was all he aimed at or desired.

He avoided rather than sought the distinctions and excitements of political life. He held the office of State Attorney for a time, but that was in the line of his profession. He was induced to accept an election to the State Senate, which was in the year 1854, and as chairman of the Judiciary Committee he took a leading part in moulding the legislation of that year. The law relating to temperance, then enacted, which embraced every provision and sanction which could make such a law effective, and avoided every constitutional objection which could make it nugatory, was drawn by him. That law, substantially as drawn, deprived by repeal of a single provision only, remains upon the statute book, too just and perfect to be repealed, and too stringent and effective to be enforced without the aid of a public sentiment determined upon an utter extermination of the evil; but a monument of the legal skill and acumen of the draftsman.

Judge Sanford was for many years in thorough sympathy with the growing anti-slavery sentiment of the free States, and no man in the country was more earnestly and profoundly in sympathy with the loyal sentiment of the northern States during the war brought on by the late rebellion. During the session of 1854, Mr. Sanford was elected Judge of the Superior and Supreme Courts, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Church, and the promotion of Judge Waite to the office of Chief Justice.

As a judge, he was kind, courteous, patient, and dignified in his manner; prompt, impartial, and accurate in his rulings; clear and intelligible in his charges when sitting in the Superior Court; and he commanded in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of the profession. Upon the Supreme Court he was attentive, watchful, and investigating, weighing critically every argument and authority, and arriving slowly, but surely and independently, at his conclusions. No member of the court in later years was listened to in consultation with more respect,

or with a stronger expectation that his views of the pending case, when matured, would be comprehensive, and his conclusions correct. His opinions are on record in the nine preceding volumes of the reports, and compare favorably with those of the most distinguished members of the court. They are remarkable for their studied exactness of language, and clearness of expression, as well as for their adherence to law as authoritatively settled. Few judges ever recognized more fully the duty of a court to *declare*, not to *make* the law. While possessed of a minute and thorough knowledge of technical law, he was yet never disposed to sacrifice justice to mere technicalities, where the obstacle was not insuperable, and no judge ever had a higher or more positive sense of justice than he. He was a man of the highest integrity, scrupulously honest and honorable in his professional practice while at the bar, and on the bench, absolutely beyond the approach of any selfish or impure motive. The virtuous integrity with which he administered his high office could not be surpassed. Not even a suspicion ever assailed it. In the administration of criminal justice he was regarded as inclining to severity, and he was certainly free from any weak concession to crime; yet this grew out of no severity of character, but was only the righteous indignation of a just and virtuous man against those who disturbed the peace and order of the community which he loved with all his heart. There was no harshness in his nature. A more gentle, kind, modest, humble man never lived. His heart was full of good will to men, and he longed for nothing more than for the suppression of vice, and the establishment of virtue in the community.

He was from early life a communicant of the Episcopal church, and tenderly attached to her ritual and usages; but his religious views were too broad to admit of bigotry. He respected the convictions of Christians of every name, and the depth of his religious feelings was made manifest less by words than by the purity and justice of his life.

Upon the receipt of the intelligence of Judge Sanford's death by the legislature of Connecticut, then sitting in New Haven, that body appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions for the action of the House, and adjourned in respect to the de-

ceased. The following are the resolutions reported by the committee, upon which very appropriate remarks in harmony with the above sketch were made by representatives O. H. Platt of Meriden, now United States Senator, and Ives of East Haven, Peck of Norfolk, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with profound sorrow of the death of David C. Sanford, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Errors in this State.

Resolved, That the deceased, by the vigor and clearness of his intellect, by his great experience at the Bar, and upon the Bench, by his ripe scholarship, by the zeal and faithfulness with which he performed every private duty, and fulfilled every public trust, by the elevation and strength of his moral and religious character, so strikingly manifested in the purity of his life, secured for himself a prominent place among the most valuable and distinguished men of the State.

Resolved, That we extend to the afflicted family of the deceased our warmest sympathies, assuring them that the State which has so long had the benefit of his bright example, and faithful labors, will ever hold him in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions, under the Seal of the State, be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

A committee of the legislature was also appointed to attend his funeral, who accordingly did so.

Rev. James L. Scott was born in Boston, Mass., July 8, 1813; graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and was ordained Deacon in Clappville—now Rochdale, in Leicester, Mass., by Rt. Rev. M. Eastburn, Oct. 14, 1845, and Priest Oct. 6, 1846. He took charge of St. Andrew's Parish, with St. John's, Washington, in April, 1849, and resigned the cure in Dec., 1867. During eight and a half years of that time he was editor of the *Calendar*, then published weekly as the organ of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. He next accepted the rectorship of St. Michael's Parish, Naugatuck, Conn., Dec., 1867, where he served until his resignation in September, 1878. During this time, after paying an old parish debt, the wooden edifice was removed, and an elegant and commodious church and Sunday-school building of brick was erected on the same site.

He engaged next as pastor in Trinity Church, Bristol, Conn., in September, 1878, but in June, 1881, ill health and advancing years led him to retire from pastoral charge, and he made his home in Wallingford, Conn., where he now resides.

Mr. Scott married Mary Augusta, daughter of the Hon. Alvin

Brown of Washington, Conn. His children are James Alvin Scott, and Horace Brown Scott.

Hon. Roger Sherman was born at Newton, Mass., April 19, 1721. His father, William Sherman, died when he was twenty years of age, and a little more than a year later Roger came to New Milford, whither his brother William had preceded him about three years. William was then engaged as a farmer at a place called New Dilloway, in the north part of the town of Sherman, and Roger made his home with him for several years. In 1746, he bought of his brother William land to the amount of £60, in the north part of the town of New Milford, and in May, 1748, he purchased of Gamaliel Baldwin land to the amount of £1,500, in what is now Park Lane, and continued to buy land without selling, for several years, and after this he bought and sold land to a large extent while in the town.

The first occurrence of Roger Sherman's name on the town records is in connection with the town meeting, Feb. 6, 1744, when by a vote he was granted the privilege of crossing the Great Bridge for one year by paying ten shillings and becoming subject to taxes for its repairs, a courtesy extended for many years to persons just settled in the town; but from that time on, for sixteen years, his name is a very prominent one on both town and church records, and especially on the former as surveyor of lands. He was very active in the first church, where, among other positions of usefulness, he was "chosen to the office of Deacon on trial" in 1755, and in 1757, was "established Deacon of this church." He was clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society some years, and treasurer of the same while the third meeting-house was being built and completed, and for this last service was paid £30, in 1755.

His first place of residence in New Milford was at Park Lane, where his mother resided in the same house with him, and after that he removed to New Milford village into a house that stood nearly where the Town Hall now stands.

As a citizen he was an exceedingly busy man, being engaged in every useful and improving enterprise. Besides accepting office in the church, the ecclesiastical society, and the town, he entered into every good work. Not long after he came here, the

"Great Bridge" over the Housatonic, being new, and the first one constructed over that river, was carried away by a flood, and he rallied a few of the leading men of the town to venture with himself in rebuilding it and making it a toll-bridge. Before he left the town, a proposition was discussed to set up inoculation for small-pox, and he was the one with a few others to venture on this hazardous, but benevolent work, as an experiment.

He was appointed by the general assembly county surveyor in 1745, for New Haven county, in which he continued until Litchfield county was organized in 1752, and then he was appointed to the same office in that county, which position he held until 1758. In this office he did a great amount of work, as the records of the towns and state show. During this time he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1754; was appointed county judge in 1757, and judge of the quorum in 1759-60-61, and was a representative in several sessions. He removed to New Haven in 1761, where he entered upon his profession, and the next year was chosen the Governor's Assistant and appointed Judge of the Superior Court, which office he held 23 years.

He was elected a member of the first Continental Congress, which met Sept. 5, 1774, and continued a member of Congress 19 years, until his death, being in the Senate the last two years. He was a member of the committee to prepare the Declaration of Independence, of which document he was one of the signers, the committee consisting of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston. In the same year he was placed on the committee to prepare articles of confederation, which were adopted in April, 1777. During the revolutionary war, he was a member of the board of war, and a member of the Governor's Council of Safety in Connecticut. He was a member of the convention which formed the Constitution of the United States.

He was mayor of the city of New Haven a number of years, and was associated with another judge in codifying the laws of Connecticut.

He was elected Senator of the United States in 1791, and died in that office July 23, 1793, at the age of 72 years.

One of the most appreciative, summary statements of the characteristics of this very noted statesman is found in Hollister's

History of Connecticut,¹⁰ which is here repeated, because of its precise truthfulness and completeness :

"Roger Sherman was of a grave and massive understanding, a man who looked at the most difficult questions, and untied their tangled knots, without having his vision dimmed or his head made dizzy. He appears to have known the science of government and the relations of society from his childhood, and to have needed no teaching, because he saw moral, ethical, and political truths, in all their relations, better than they could be imparted to him by others. He took for granted as self-evident the maxims that had made Plato prematurely old, and had consumed the best hours of Bacon and Sir Thomas More in attempting to elaborate and reconcile the anomalies and inconsistencies of the British constitution. With more well-digested thoughts to communicate than any other member of the convention [to form the constitution] he used fewer words to express his sentiments than any of his compeers. Indeed, his thoughts can hardly be said to be expressed, but were rather *incorporated* with his language. His views, uttered in a plain though didactic form, seemed to be presented not so much in a course of reasoning as to be an embodiment of pure reason itself."

"With a broad-based consciousness, extended as the line of the horizon, where calm philosophy and wild theory meet and seem to run into each other, he saw at a glance the most abstruse subjects presented to his consideration, and fused them down, as if by the heat of a furnace, into globes of solid maxims and demonstrable propositions. Nor did he look merely at the present hour, but, with a sympathy as lively as his ken was far-reaching, he penetrated the curtains that hid future generations from the sight of common men, and made as careful provision for the unborn millions of his countrymen as for the generation that was then upon the stage of life. With no false pride to sustain at the expense of virtue, or schemes of grasping ambition to gratify, with no favorites to flutter around him and claim the first fruits of his confidence and labors; fearless to announce an opinion as he was modest and delicate in his mode of doing it, he was

¹⁰ Hollister's Hist., ii, 438.

¹¹ Jefferson said of Roger Sherman; "There, is a man who never said a foolish thing."

able at a moment's warning to bring his best intellectual resources into the field of debate.

"These traits of character belonged to Sherman by the double tenure of inheritance and the endowments of nature. He was descended from the Shermans of Yaxley, in the county of Suffolk, England, as well as from the Wallers, the Yaxleys, and other families in the maternal line belonging to the solid landed gentry who had helped to frame the British constitution. Three members of the Sherman family emigrated to America in 1634. Two of them, Samuel Sherman, who soon removed to the valley of the Connecticut and was one of the strongest pillars of the colony, and the Rev. John Sherman, who was famous throughout New England as the best mathematician and astronomer of the colonies, and one of the most eloquent preachers of that day, were brothers, and are not unknown to fame. The other emigrant, designated in our old books as Captain John Sherman, was their first cousin, and not inferior to them in moral worth, if indeed he could be said to be in intellectual ability. He was a soldier of high courage, and that his education had not been neglected, his beautifully legible and clerkly hand, which still perpetuates the records of Watertown, in Massachusetts, as well as the phraseology of the records themselves, bear ample testimony. Roger Sherman was a great grandson of this gentleman, and inherited the best traits of the family." But good lineage and intellectual powers of a high order were not adequate of themselves to form such a character as Sherman's. It was to be tried in the school of poverty, and to buffet the waves of adversity, before it could gain nerve and strength enough to baffle the sophistries of the British ministry, defy the sword of a tyrant, or successfully oppose itself to the headlong flood of popular passions."

This last reference to "the school of poverty" has been understood in an extreme sense, which is very far from the facts in the case. Because Roger Sherman worked as a shoemaker in those days, it must not be inferred that he could be said, strictly,

¹² This pedigree is given by Roger Sherman himself on the tombstone of his brother William, who died here in New Milford, as follows: "William Sherman, which was the son of William Sherman, which was the son of Joseph Sherman, which was the son of John Sherman of Watertown."

to be in poverty, for he was not. Soon after he came to New Milford, while yet a single man, he was appointed a surveyor of lands for New Haven County, a more than ordinarily remunerative office in those days, and in 1752, when Litchfield county was organized, he was appointed to the same office in that county. One commission which he executed as surveyor, in 1751, for the government, brought him £83 14s., and this was only one of a number of orders he fulfilled for the government within a few years. For ten years, his employment by private individuals to resurvey tracts of land, which had been laid out "by estimation" at first, in New Milford, must have taken a large amount of his time and brought him a remuneration that but few people obtained at that date. In the case of many of these surveys, he drew a plan of the tract surveyed upon the pages of the land records, where they are abundantly evident still, and they are executed according to the measurement of distances.

He was a man of great business ability and energy, and could not have been idle if he had possessed millions; his moral as well as intellectual and physical qualities forbade it. He was appointed on various committees for churches and adjoining towns, and entrusted with all sorts of commissions which needed care and responsibility. It is said that his introduction to the study of law came from having been sent by a judge of a court on a considerable journey to obtain certain information, take it down in writing, and deliver it. When the judge saw it he was amazed, and asked him, "Did you ever study law?" "Never," replied Mr. Sherman. "Well," said the judge, "You ought to have been a lawyer long ago, for your report is as good as any lawyer's would have been." Hence, Mr. Hollister's statement, that "he knew law by instinct," was historically true.

Mr. Sherman was also the owner of several hundred acres of land, including a dwelling-house, which he purchased before he had been here seven years, and for which he paid in old tenor money to the amount of £2,000. A part of this money, perhaps, came from his father's estate in his own right and inheritance, that estate having been worth several hundred pounds, for he gave his mother one-third of his dwelling-house and home-lot, for her thirds of her husband's estate; so says the deed. All this land he had purchased without selling any.



Geo Taylor.

The superiority of Roger Sherman's intellectual qualities and perfect self-control was illustrated while in Congress, in an impromptu reply to one of the Randolphs during a debate in that body. The Randolphs prided themselves in being descended from Pocahontas, the celebrated daughter of an Indian chief, and while in debate Mr. Randolph took exception to something Mr. Sherman had said, which he supposed to be a personal reflection on him, and called upon Mr. Sherman, who had been a shoemaker by trade: "What has the gentleman from Connecticut done with his leather apron?" Mr. Sherman, remaining perfectly unmoved by the intended reflection, replied: "Cut it up to make moccasins for the descendants of Pocahontas."

Mr. Sherman's influence in forming national sentiments of liberty and government is well represented in the following extracts from Hollister's *History of Connecticut*:¹³

"He had represented Connecticut in Congress at New York in the year 1774, where he had met the first men of the continent. The address of that body to the king remonstrating against the course pursued by the ministry and the parliament toward the American colonies, flowed mainly from his fervent soul, and was most of it penned by him. It is still preserved among the British archives, and evinces a lofty spirit of patriotism that might have breathed life into the dry bones of any administration based upon other principles than the spoils of office and the obstinacy of disappointed ambition. The very next year, the University of Oxford made him a doctor of laws, notwithstanding his efforts in behalf of American liberty. His fame as a lawyer was also pre-eminent. In 1782 he had appeared as counsel for Connecticut in the celebrated Wyoming controversy, where he met the ablest advocates that Pennsylvania could bring into the field against him, and was acknowledged to have exhibited on that occasion unrivaled powers both of reasoning and eloquence.

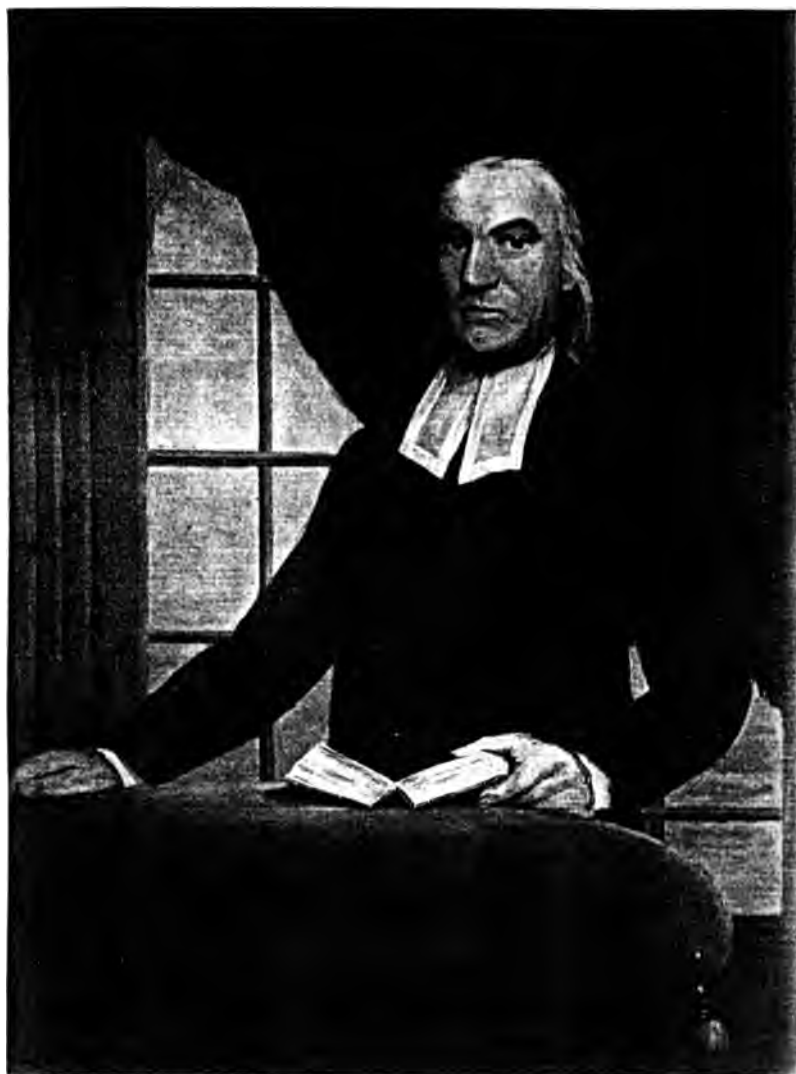
"He was one of the master spirits of the general convention which adopted the Federal Constitution, and his keen and farsighted intellect was of great aid in securing the peaceful adoption of that instrument.

"The smaller states, of which Sherman was a principal champion, were afraid of being overwhelmed by the larger ones, and

¹³ Vol. II., 442.

insisted that the upper or second branch of the legislature should be made of an equal number of members from each state, without regard to population. Sherman entered into this debate with his whole soul, and was ably seconded by his colleagues. The discussion on this question grew more and more exciting as it advanced, and at last became bitter and vehement, and as the result seemed to be opposed to the interests of the smaller states, the pent-up flames, that had been so long smothered in the breasts of the delegates from the smaller states, burst forth like the fires of a volcano. Discord reigned for awhile in the chamber, and the convention seemed about to be shattered in pieces by its own explosive elements. Deeply as he felt the poison of the sting inflicted by this vote upon the bosom of the state for which he would gladly have died, Sherman was calm and self-possessed as if he had been placed there to represent the motions of the planets in their orbits or the unrelaxing grasp of the law of gravitation. Determined not to resort to extremes until the resources of reason and argument, and all the ordinary appliances by which men are wrought upon, had been exhausted, determined the most of all to govern himself that he might the better control others, he rose and moved that a committee of conference should be appointed of one delegate from each of the states represented. This motion at once prevailed, and the convention adjourned for three days. The fourth of July was celebrated during the period of the adjournment, and lent the warm light of liberty to the temperate counsels of the more moderate members of the convention.

“Dr. Franklin proposed to the committee of conference, that the states should be equally represented in the second or upper branch of the legislature, and that all bills of appropriation should originate with the first or popular branch, which was to be chosen in accordance with the three-fifths ratio, and upon a basis of one representative to every forty thousand inhabitants. The delegates from the larger states were deeply chagrined that they should have fallen into the net spread for them by Sherman, before their eyes, while the members of the old minority were delighted at the result of the experiment. These propositions seemed about to be adopted, when the question arose as to how the future apportionment should be made, and this brought up



Rev. Nathaniel Taylor,
Pastor of the Congregational Church at New Milford, from 1718 to 1800.

the most delicate and still-vexed question of negro slavery. It was then, when the convention was again in confusion, that the gentlemen representing Connecticut came forward as mediators. Johnson expressed it as his opinion that population was the surest measure of wealth. He said he was willing that blacks as well as whites should be counted, and upon this, that all the whites and three-fifths of the blacks should constitute the basis of taxation, and that taxation should be the basis of representation. The proposition finally prevailed. Sherman, however, claimed that the number of free inhabitants, without regard to the property of the citizens, should form the basis of representation. This recognition of the rights of citizenship, disconnected with any consideration of land or money, shows how much he was in advance of the other members of the convention, and of the age in which he lived, in all that related to the elective franchise."

All objections to the Constitution vanished before the learning, discernment, and eloquence of Johnson, Sherman, and Ellsworth, and it was adopted by a vote of 128 yeas to 40 nays.

In the senate of the U. S., in 1847, Calhoun of South Carolina said, "that it was owing mainly to the states of Connecticut and New Jersey that we have a *federal* instead of a national government; the best government instead of the most intolerable on earth. Who are the men of these states to whom we are indebted for this admirable government? I will name them; their names ought to be engraven on brass and live forever. They were Chief-Justice Ellsworth, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Judge Patterson of New Jersey. To the coolness and sagacity of these three men, aided by a few others not so prominent, we owe the present Constitution."

Prof. Nehemiah Strong, son of Nehemiah and Hannah (Edwards) Strong of Northampton, Mass., born Feb. 24, 1730; graduated at Yale in 1755; tutor at Yale from 1757 to 1760; settled as pastor at Granby, Conn. ("Turkey Hills"), Jan. 21, 1761 to 1768. In Dec., 1770, he became Prof. of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy (the first one of the kind) at Yale College; resigned his office in 1781; studied law, but practiced little; resided for a time at New Milford, Conn., whence he re-

moved to Bridgeport, Conn., where he died Aug. 12, 1807, aged 77. "A man of vigorous understanding," President Dwight says of him. He married a supposed widow, whose husband, not having perished at sea as had been universally believed, returned unexpectedly and claimed his wife, who left her second husband for her first. No children.

Hon. George Taylor, M.D., was born in New Milford, Conn., Aug. 24, 1802, and died Jan. 14, 1881, aged seventy-eight years. He was the son of Col. William Taylor, and grandson of the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, who was the second clergyman settled in New Milford, and great grandson, by his grandmother, of the Rev. Daniel Boardman. Dr. George Taylor was graduated at the Yale Medical School in 1824, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in New Milford Village, his house being on the corner of Main and Elm streets, where his son, Charles Taylor, M.D., now resides. He was the first practitioner of Homeopathy in the State, commencing this practice in 1837, when there was great opposition to that system among the members of the profession. He became widely known in his profession, and much respected. He represented his town in the legislature in 1833, '34, '50, '63, '71, '72, and '74; he and Capt. Albert N. Baldwin of this town serving the same number of terms. He was elected to the State Senate in 1835 and 1836. In the House he received the Democratic nomination for speaker. He was Judge of Probate from July, 1836, to July, 1838; from July, 1842, to July, 1844, and from July, 1855, to July, 1857. He was Town Treasurer in 1841, '54, '57, '63, and continuously from 1867 to 1876. He held many appointments in the settlement of estates, and was noted for his good judgment in harmonizing conflicting interests. In 1844 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, but was defeated by Truman Smith. In 1864 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and in 1876 was on the Democratic ticket for presidential electors.

Doctor Taylor married Harriet D. Allen Oct. 25, 1826, who died in 1847. Two children, Dr. Charles Taylor, and Harriet, wife of the Hon. T. E. Stewart of New York City, are still living.



Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, D.D.

1825. THE FIRST COPY OF THIS BOOK WAS GIVEN BY THE AUTHOR TO THE LIBRARY OF THE AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

Nath^l W. Taylor.

Dr. George Taylor was a man of fine personal appearance, genial in manner, of irreproachable habits, and an upright character. Some statements concerning him were published in the Bridgeport *Farmer* at the time of his decease, which are appreciative of his work as a physician.

"He conducted a very large practice over a wide circuit of country, for more than half a century, with great skill and great success. He won, and he deserved, the full confidence and love of all his patients, rich and poor alike, for he put forth his strongest efforts and his wisest skill for all, at all times in his profession."

Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, son of Daniel Taylor, was born at Danbury, Conn., Aug. 27, 1722. He was graduated at Yale College in the year 1745, after which he was occupied for some time in teaching a school in Hampshire County, Mass. He commenced preaching at New Milford regularly in January, 1748, and was ordained pastor of the church on the 29th of June following.

During the campaign of 1759 he served as chaplain to a regiment of Connecticut troops, under the command of Col. Nathan Whiting, in and about Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Previous to this, and for many years afterwards, he was in the habit of giving instruction in the languages to youths, preparatory to their entering college. And his school became at one time so considerable, that in the class in Yale College that graduated in 1762, there were eight or ten who had been his pupils, and among them the late Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston of New York.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the Board of Trustees of Yale College from 1774 until his decease, a period of more than twenty-six years. He was remarkably punctual in his attendance at the meetings of the Board, and in various ways rendered important service to the college.

He was a zealous advocate of the American Revolution, and one of the ways in which he evinced this was by remitting to his people, during the contest, an entire year's salary. This fact the parish records show, under his hand, bearing date April, 1779. After the establishment of the General Government, he was equally zealous to promote a spirit of due subordination and quiet submission to the laws.

After having been for forty-one years sole pastor of the church at New Milford, he requested that the parish would provide him a colleague, which request was cheerfully complied with in the settlement of the Rev. Stanley Griswold. After this, Mr. Taylor rarely preached in New Milford, though he occasionally supplied the pulpits in the neighboring towns for a considerable time.

Mr. Taylor's last illness was a long and tedious one. He died Dec. 9, 1800, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and the fifty-third of his ministry.

Mr. Taylor's publications, so far as known, were limited to two sermons, namely: a sermon at Crown Point, at the close of the campaign in 1762, and a sermon at the ordination of the Rev. David Brownson, at Oxford, Conn., in 1764. Both sermons evince a vigorous and cultivated mind, and the first breathes a spirit of lofty patriotism.

Mr. Taylor was married Feb. 23, 1749, to Tamar, daughter of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, first minister of New Milford. She died in June, 1795. In March, 1797, he married Mrs. Ziporah Bennett, of Huntington, originally a Miss Strong of Long Island. He had five children—three sons and two daughters. Two of his sons, Augustus and William, were graduated at Yale College, but never engaged in any of the liberal professions. His eldest son, Nathaniel, was the father of the Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, D.D., Professor in the Theological Institution connected with Yale College.

From the Rev. Thomas Robbins, D.D.:

HARTFORD, Sept. 9, 1851.

DEAR SIR: I cannot say that I was ever on terms of great intimacy with the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, concerning whom you ask for my recollections; and yet I believe that my knowledge of him was sufficient to enable me to speak of him with as much minuteness as the nature of your object requires. He resided in the same county in which I was brought up, and was often at my father's house; and, when my father was absent some time, about the year 1793, on a mission, Mr. Taylor supplied his pulpit. I attended his funeral, in December, 1800, and by request of the ministers who were present on the occasion prepared an obituary notice of him, which was published in one of the newspapers.

Mr. Taylor, in person, was tall and erect, possessing an uncommonly vigorous constitution, and was active and graceful in all his movements, while his countenance was expressive of great good nature and cheerfulness, and his general manner in society was altogether engaging. Though he was abundant in his manifestations of good humor, he did not lose sight of the dignity of his profession, and never,

that I am aware, acted inconsistently with it. He made himself especially acceptable to children.

As a preacher, he held a high rank. His preaching was generally of a plain and practical cast, fitted to edify both the humbler and more intelligent classes. He wrote in a clear, nervous style, as the two printed sermons of his that remain sufficiently indicate. He had a fine manly voice, and his manner in the pulpit, while it was free from all artificial airs, was well fitted to hold the attention. In his intercourse with his people he was always affectionate and condescending, and seemed to have an eye as well to their temporal as their immortal interests.

Mr. Taylor's theology was not after the strictest form of Calvinism, though it was undoubtedly in the main Calvinistic. I suppose he sympathized much more with President Stiles than with Dr. Bellamy; with both of whom he was contemporary, and, I believe, more or less intimately associated. I am not aware that he was ever charged, by any religious party, with anything like a tendency to extremes.

His influence as a member of society was excellent. He emphatically studied the things that make for peace. If he knew of the existence of anything like dissension in a neighborhood, or between individuals, he could not rest until everything in his power had been done to terminate it. He was a man of excellent business habits, exact in keeping all his engagements, economical in his expenditures, and yet liberal in dispensing to needy objects. No one was more earnest in enjoining habits of temperance and industry. As an instance of his providence in respect to the future, I may mention the fact that he was greatly interested, not only in the general cultivation of the land, but especially in the growth of various kinds of fruit trees. In short, his whole influence was adapted to improve the physical as well as intellectual and moral condition of society. Though half a century has passed since he went to his rest, his fine person and useful bearing, both as a minister and a friend, return upon me in all the vividness of fresh recollection, and I really am not sorry that your request has directed my thoughts into so grateful a channel.

Yours very faithfully,

THOMAS ROBBINS.¹⁴

Nathaniel William Taylor, D.D., was born June 23, 1786. He was the son of Nathaniel, (the son of Rev. Nathaniel, the second pastor of the Congregational Church,) and Anne Northrop Taylor. His father was farmer and tradesman, who lived on a part of the estate owned by "Parson Taylor," in the house which is still standing next south of the Congregational Church. He was the youngest child, tender and beloved in the sight of his mother, for whom he cherished the warmest affection till his death, and of whom he rarely spoke without manifest emotion. He was an active and precocious boy—an apt scholar—delighting in sports of every kind, and especially fond of horses, and skilled in managing them, a tact which he inherited from his grandfather. In the family there were negro servants, descend-

¹⁴ Sprague's Annals, I, 467. Griswold's Funeral Sermon. MS. from Judge D. S. Boardman.

ants of his grandfather's "people," for whom he retained an affectionate interest till their death and his own.

He entered Yale College in 1800, at the age of fourteen, riding to New Haven on his grandfather's favorite pacer by the Derby road. He had previously studied in the family of Dr. Azel Backus, of Bethlehem, at Yale College, 1787, who prepared many young boys and men for college, and was subsequently President of Hamilton College. Dr. Backus was distinguished for his wit and humor, and Dr. Taylor was fond of repeating the stories with which he entertained and quickened his pupils.

Young Taylor's ambition and interest in study were soon disappointed by a serious affection of the eyes, which compelled him to leave college. He returned and joined the next class, but was very soon obliged to intermit study altogether for a considerable time. In 1805, however, he joined another class, with which he graduated in 1807. His zeal for study and his ambition had been seriously repressed by these repeated disappointments, and it was not till his Senior year that his self-confidence and ardor in any considerable degree returned. During his Junior year his attention was directed with special earnestness to the claims of the gospel, and with many misgivings and after many fears he made profession of his Christian faith. Under the instructions of President Dwight, in his Senior year, his intellectual ardor and self-reliance were re-awakened in a manner which he was fond of reciting, and which he recorded in his recollections of his instructor, published in Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*.

After leaving college, he was employed as private tutor for the late Stephen Van Rennsellaer, the last of the "Patroons," with whom he traveled and resided for some months in Montreal for the study of the French language. After a year he began the study of theology with Dr. Dwight, and for two years was a member of his family, acting as his amanuensis, and copying many of the sermons which were afterwards published as his "*Theology Explained and Defended*." In this way he became entirely familiar with his theological principles, as well as with those held by the leading New England divines who preceded him. He also enjoyed and reciprocated his confidence and friendship in an extraordinary degree.

He was licensed to preach in 1810, and began to do so with great earnestness and ardor. When called to address his youthful associates in New Milford, many of whom did not sympathize with his Christian faith and fervor, he selected for his text the words, "If I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" and preached the gospel then, as always afterwards, as though he believed it to be true.

After an interval of nearly two years, during which he preached in several parishes, he was ordained to the ministry and installed as Pastor of the First or Center Church in New Haven, April 8, 1812. It was with much hesitation that he assumed this responsible position, and only after a second call from the parish. But after he assumed it, he gave his soul to the duties which it involved, laboring with patient industry at the weighty sermons which embodied so much discriminating and profound thought, and glowed with such fervid and impassioned earnestness.

From year to year his pulpit efforts increased in energy, and it was not long before he was recognized as one of the most distinguished preachers of New England. His preparations for the pulpit were very generally "studies in theology," not didactic or dry in form, but uniformly discussions of some fundamental truth from which he derived the most pungent and fervid applications to the consciences and lives of men. During this time he was bringing into a distinct form and expression many of the principles which subsequently became so prominent in his theological teachings. His ministry was distinguished as an advancing period in Christian enterprise and in theological discussion. The Unitarian Controversy—the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Andover—the kindling of home and foreign missionary enterprises, and the frequent revivals of religion were all fitted to awaken and stimulate the energies of an ardent and earnest spirit like his. Dr. Taylor was more than an eloquent and fervid preacher—he was a devoted and sympathizing pastor, who was a joy to his people, and to whom his people were also a joy. His relations with the individual members and families of the parish were intimate and affectionate. His labors were crowned with abundant success. Large accessions were made to the communion of the church, particularly in the years 1815 and 1820.

His connection with his people was terminated in December, 1822, contrary to their earnest remonstrances, that he might accept the Dwight Professorship of Didactic Theology in the Theological Department of Yale College, which had been organized with reference to his appointment. He immediately entered upon its duties and continued in this office till his death. But he did not intermit preaching, but continued the exercise of his marvelous gifts in many parishes almost continuously, till the infirmities incident to advancing old age compelled him to desist. He retained in an eminent degree the confidence and affection of the church of which he had been pastor. About 700 pupils attended upon his instructions as a theological teacher, many of whom became eminent preachers and theologians. His name will long be remembered as one of the ablest theologians and most eloquent preachers of his generation.

His death occurred March 10, 1858. He married Rebecca Maria Hine, daughter of Maj. Beebe Hine and Lois Northrop, all of New Milford. Their children were:—

Mary, who married Rev., now Pres. Noah Porter, of Farmington, Conn.; Hannah, who married Rev. S. G. Buckingham, of Lebanon, Conn.; Susan, who married Dr. A. B. Robeson, of Walpole, New Hampshire; Rebecca, who married Mr. W. T. Hatch, of New York City; Emily Webster, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Nathaniel William, who married Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, of Bloomfield, Conn. Of this family, only Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Hatch are living.

Dr. Taylor's interest in and attachment to New Milford were singularly strong. During his pastorate he occasionally spent a few days in his favorite sport of fox hunting among its hills, and he never ceased to recall with enthusiasm the days of his childhood and of his early home. Much of the strength and glow of his noble character is to be ascribed to the associations of his childhood and youth with the hospitable and enthusiastic life of the families of the village and the exciting scenes which occupied his mind when this community drew most of its life from within itself and overflowed with kindliness and good cheer. His name will long be remembered, and deservedly, as one of the most distinguished among the sons of New Milford.



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Partridge Thatcher, Esq. Judge David S. Boardman says of him :¹⁵ Partridge Thatcher was the first man who practiced the legal profession in New Milford. He was not educated to the profession, but took up the trade, because there were none of the craft hereabout, when this country was organized, which was after he came to middle age. He was a native, I have been told, of Lebanon, in this state, and came to New Milford, I know not how long ago. He was however a married man at the time. He had no children ; but a large number of negroes, whom he treated with a kindness enough to put to shame the reproaches of all the abolitionists of New England. He was a man of strong mind, of rigid morality, and religious to the letter according to the strictest sect of orthodox episcopacy. He adored Charles I. as a martyr, and he hated Oliver Cromwell worse than he did the evil one. Loyalty, unconditional loyalty, was the prime element of his political creed. Of course his name was not found in any list of the wicked Whigs of the Revolution, and had he lived in these days, he would most thoroughly have eschewed democracy and abolitionism. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, his loyalty necessarily silenced his voice in court, and he died soon after its conclusion.

Lawyer Thatcher, as he was always called, was undoubtedly a very odd, a very honest and a very good man. I wish there were many such men now, both on account of the good example they would set, and the harmless amusement they would afford.

Mrs. Lucia (Ruggles) Holman Tomlinson, was born in that part of Brookfield, Connecticut, which was originally a part of New Milford township, and was educated at a Ladies' Seminary at New Haven. The great aspiration of her mind from the age of twelve years was to become a successful school teacher, and to this work she devoted her energies immediately after leaving the seminary. Not long after she established a school for young ladies in the village of Cooperstown, N. Y., where she was successfully prosecuting her work when she became acquainted with Thomas Holman, a medical student, at a time when the public mind was beginning to be aroused to the

¹⁵ Early Lights of Litchfield Bar, by Judge D. S. Boardman.

subject of Foreign Missionary work. It was at this time that her brother, Samuel Ruggles, was engaged as agent at the Mission School at Cornwall, and for the A. B. C. F. M., in lecturing and taking collections for that work. While thus engaged he had about concluded to offer himself as a missionary, provided he could prevail upon his sister to engage in the same work. The final issue of the matter was that the brother and sister, and Doctor Holman should constitute a part of the Missionary Company that was then being organized for a mission to the Sandwich Islands.

Doctor Holman received his diploma from the medical college in Cherry Valley, N. Y., married Miss Lucia Ruggles October 23, 1819, and sailed with the missionary company about a month later for the Islands by way of Cape Horn. They arrived at Honolulu on the 11th of April, 1820, and made a landing.

"White women were, as might have been expected, objects of great curiosity to the natives, who thronged around them, as they walked, to gaze at their costume, their white hands and faces, running before them and peering under their projecting bonnets, laughing, shouting, trotting around with bare feet, heads, and limbs, men, women and children, and singing out, occasionally, "A-i—oe—oe," a phrase signifying long, protruding neck. This term they doubtless applied from the appearance occasioned by the large, projecting fore-parts of the bonnets, in the fashion of 1819, so widely different from that of the Hawaiian females, whose heads were usually bare, but occasionally ornamented with a simple chaplet of natural flowers, or small feathers." "

Such was the kindly reception of the first missionary women to the Sandwich Islands.

Doctor Holman was a well-read physician, intelligent, affable and attractive in manner, and soon became a favorite among the native chiefs, and after a few months one of them desired to adopt him as his son and promised to see that they should be in want for nothing. This favorable reception of the physician aroused the remarkable jealousy of the Rev. Mr. Bingham, the director of the Missionary Company, which unjust disposition was eventually the cause of the Doctor's return home with his family. After two years' sojourn, in the most salubrious climate in the

¹⁶ Bingham's Sandwich Islands, 95.

world, the Doctor was offered a free passage for himself and family to his native country, which he accepted, and landed at Boston in 1822, and finally settled at Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he departed this life in 1826.

In this voyage Mrs. Thomas Holman was the first American lady who had sailed around the world.

After the decease of her husband, Mrs. Holman, with her three children, returned to her native town, Brookfield, where after some years she was united in marriage with Hon. Daniel Tomlinson of that place, a man of intelligence and an inventor, and successful manufacturer.

He died in 1863, aged eighty-seven years.

Mrs. Lucia R. H. Tomlinson now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Lucia M., widow of the late Hiram B. Noble, and is in the eighty-ninth year of her age, in the possession of excellent health, but being quite blind. She is in the enjoyment of perfect, and indeed remarkable memory, being able to delineate all the events of her missionary tour with great minuteness as to the smallest particulars of interest, and the dates of the leading occurrences without hesitancy or difficulty. She is cheerful and animated in her discourse, indicating a sensible judgment as to all the successes of the Gospel among the Islanders, to whom she with others went, not without some fears, sixty-two years ago. She is the last survivor of the missionary families who first carried the Gospel to the Islands of the great Pacific Ocean.

Rev. Joseph Treat was born in that part of New Milford, now Bridgewater, December 10, 1783, and commenced study preparatory for the ministry, December, 1804; entered Yale College September, 1806, and was graduated September, 1810. He studied theology with the Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D.D., of Washington, Connecticut; was licensed to preach by the Litchfield South Consociation October 15, 1811; commenced preaching at Branford October 20, 1811; was ordained an Evangelist at Woodbury by Consociation May 25, 1814, and labored sometime as a missionary in Pennsylvania and N. Y. In June, 1816, he went on a missionary tour to Ohio, where, on September 23, 1817, he was received into the Presbytery of Grand River, and the next day installed the pastor of the congregation of Sharon,

afterwards called Windham, Portage County, Ohio, where he resided until his death, May 9, 1841, aged fifty-seven.

Amos Sherman Treat, son of Daniel A. Treat, was born in Bridgewater, Conn., Feb. 5, 1816, and is a lineal descendant of Richard Treat, one of the patentees in the Colonial Charter, and of his son Robert Treat, who was for many years Governor of Connecticut. On the maternal side he is descended from Samuel Sherman, one of the early settlers of Stratford, Conn. His early years were spent on the farm in Bridgewater, and in the district school. He prepared for college at Hudson, Ohio, and entered Yale College. After leaving college he taught school in South Carolina, and afterwards in New Jersey. He commenced the study of the law with Hon. Jacob W. Miller of Morristown, N. J., at one time United States Senator from that State, and completed his studies with C. R. Butler, Esq., of Plymouth, Conn. He was admitted to the Litchfield County bar in 1843, and commenced the practice of his profession in Newtown, Conn., where he remained about ten years, and took an active part in town matters, being a member of the board of education several years and postmaster one year.

In July, 1854, he removed to Bridgeport, where he has since resided, except from May, 1870, to November, 1875, when he lived in Woodbridge, Conn. Although actively engaged in the practice of an arduous profession, Mr. Treat has been much in public affairs, and in all projects tending to advance the material interests of his adopted city and the county in general.

He was clerk of the Fairfield County Court from 1854 to 1859; member of the Peace Congress in 1861; he represented Bridgeport in the Connecticut Legislature in 1858, 1862, 1869, and 1879; and Woodbridge in the same body in 1871, 1872, and 1873.

He was Speaker of the House in 1872, chosen to that position by the Republican party, of which he has been a member since its organization. At the close of this session the House presented him with, as they say, "a valuable watch and chain, . . . not as a reward for any particular service that you may have performed, but as an evidence of the high appreciation of the courteous, proper, and impartial manner in which you have discharged the trying and often difficult duties of Speaker."

He was a director in the Bridgeport and City National Banks ; director in the Gas-Light Company many years, and its president for ten years.

In the Masonic fraternity Mr. Treat has taken a prominent position. He was made a mason in 1855, and has held nearly all the offices of the lodge, including Master. He has also held nearly all the offices in Hamilton Commandery, and has been its Eminent Commander, and was Grand Commander of the State Commandery in 1868 and 1869.

He married, Dec. 15, 1869, Mary A., only daughter of Treat Clark of Woodbridge, Conn., and they have one daughter, Mary Clark Treat.

Rev. Edward Livingston Wells, D.D., was born in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1834, and died in New Milford, August 7, 1880, aged forty-six years. He pursued a course of education at Yale and Williams Colleges, and afterwards completed it at the University of Montauban, France, where he also studied theology with the Protestant Theological Faculty attached to that institution.

Upon his return to his native country, he entered the Congregational ministry and was settled at Plainville, Connecticut, where he continued a short time. He then conformed to the Episcopal Church and was ordained by the Bishop of Connecticut in 1859, and was soon after settled as rector in a church in Louisville, Kentucky, where he labored with success. In the midst of his labors there the late war came on, and after pursuing his labors amidst its calamities for a time he was sent away from the place by the military authorities. He retired to Toronto, and preached in St. George Church in that city for a period of nine months. He then resigned his parish in Louisville to accept a call to St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Mass. From Pittsfield he removed to Southport, Connecticut, where he spent over six years in successful labor. After this, in consequence of poor health, he desisted from pastoral labor for three years until called to St. John's Church in New Milford. With much energy, cheerfulness, and success he had prosecuted his work in this parish a little less than one year when the sudden illness came which terminated his life.

Rev. Nathaniel Sheldon Wheaton, D.D., was born in Washington, Connecticut, August 20, 1792, in that part of the town originally belonging to New Milford. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, Connecticut, and he was graduated at Yale College in 1814, at the age of twenty-two years. He engaged in teaching, in Maryland, where he studied theology, and was ordained in due time Deacon and Priest by Bishop Thomas J. Claggett, D.D., making a sojourn in Maryland of four years.

In 1820, he was elected rector of Christ Church in Hartford, Connecticut, where he discharged the duties of that office for twelve years with much credit to himself and to his parish.

Scarcely had Mr. Wheaton become settled in his parish before the interests of what was then Washington, but is now Trinity College in Hartford, attracted his attention and stirred his energies. At the request of the college authorities and by consent of his church he went to England in September, 1823, to solicit aid in money and books for this college, and returned in November, 1824. During his stay in England he wrote a journal which was published in 1829 under the title of "Notes of Travel," a neat octavo volume; a very readable book of its kind. His efforts in this enterprise, in behalf of the college, were quite successful.

Besides accomplishing much for the college, he learned the style of architecture of the churches in England, and this served him a good purpose, for in 1825, his parish took steps to procure a site for a new church, and in 1826 he was one of a committee to procure a plan for the new edifice. This was built in 1828 and 9, under the special direction and care of Mr. Wheaton, in all its details; and the result was a fine edifice of a new style of architecture for this region of country.

In 1831, he was elected president of Trinity College, in which position he continued until 1837. During this period Yale College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity; and chiefly by his personal efforts, the Hobart Professorship in Trinity College was endowed with the sum of \$20,000; the Seabury Professorship with \$14,000, and large additions were made to the general funds of the institution.

In 1837, he accepted a call to the rectorship of Christ Church in New Orleans, and continued in that city for a space of seven years.

After resigning his place in New Orleans in 1844, the Doctor visited Europe, and on his return resided a few years in Hartford, rendering as he was able professional services without price to clerical brethren and destitute parishes, and also for a time he performed the duties of rector for his former Hartford parish. But the disease, dyspepsia, which began its work on him in New Orleans, in consequence of an attack of yellow fever, grew in strength, and he retired to his native town, to abide among its sublime hills and fertile dales, which he greatly admired, until called hence. Here he rendered much pecuniary aid as well as counsel, in the enlargement and remodeling of St. Andrew's Church in Marbledale. He gave of his money in many directions, and liberally in proportion to the amount he possessed, and thus showed his devotion to education and religion.

He died at his home in peace and hope, on Tuesday, March 18, 1862, and his monument is in Northville burying-place.¹⁷

¹⁷ This is an abbreviated account of the Doctor from a historical pamphlet of Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut, and from the Rev. James L. Scott's sermon preached at the Doctor's funeral.

GENEALOGIES.

BRIEF EXPLANATIONS.

Great care *has been taken* to make these genealogies correct and complete. Every birth that could be found on the town records has been copied, and these have been compared with the record of baptisms up to 1800, and every baptism recorded of a child whose birth could not be found has been given here in the place of the birth.

Much biographical reading is here given because it was not convenient to place it in a former part of the book; indeed much that is in the former part has been taken from the genealogies for the purpose of making a more connected account in the historical part.

In the record of marriages and many of the families, where persons belonged to New Milford nothing is said of the place of residence, but if they resided elsewhere or removed, the place is given, *if it was known*.

The deaths of many persons are not here given because they are printed in the lists of inscriptions on the gravestones.

Many families resided in the town during forty years after the Revolution of whom no record of births could be obtained, for during those years there was great neglect in recording births, and all persons of many of those family names have disappeared from the town.

The abbreviations are such, it is thought, as will be readily understood: m. stands for married, b. for born, d. for died, unm. for unmarried.

Only one set of numbers are used, as being the most convenient and readily understood. The number at the birth of a child is repeated only when the marriage of the same person is given further on.

Only the names of persons in the genealogies which cannot be traced in alphabetic order in any of the various families here recorded are given in the index of the book.

GENEALOGIES.

ACLY, Rev. Charles Gardiner. was born in Hudson, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1811; m. Elizabeth C. Elting of Red Hook, N. Y. He died in New Milford, March 24, 1880. (See Biog.) Ch.:

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| 1. Fannie Elizabeth; m. Salem T. Clemans. | 5. Caroline Deveng; m. Samuel Daniels of Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| 2. Eleanor Dey; m. Alfred H. Noble. She d. in April, 1879. | 6. Julia H. C. |
| 3. Sarah Cornelia; m. Wm. Hertzell of New York city. | 7. Mary Clark; d. young. |
| 4. Margaret Elting; m. Jasper Bennett of Evanston, Ill. | 8. Charles Henry; d. 10 months of age. |

1. ADDIS, John W., born in Litchfield, came to New Milford when eleven years of age, and married Jane E. Turrill, Oct. 24, 1854. Ch.:

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| 2. Sherman T. | 5. Mary E. |
| 3. George H. | 6. Sarah J. |
| 4. John F., a lawyer in N. M. | |

1. ADDISON, James, and his wife Lydia were residents in New Milford a short time, when the births of two children were recorded. Ch.:

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| 2. Eleanor, b. Apr. 10, 1741. | 3. Mary, b. Sept. 20, 1742. |
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ADKINS, Samuel, probably the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Wetmore) Adkins of Wethersfield, came to New Milford about 1717; owned one right of land; purchased more land; then sold all of his possessions about 1755, and left the town. No children recorded. (See p. 67.)

ALLEN, William B., a native of Southbury, Conn., m. in 1862, Fanny C., dau. of John L. Hendrick, who was principal of the Onondaga Academy, N. Y., several years, and who spent a number of the last years of his life with his daughter in New Milford. He was a graduate of Union College, and died Mar. 21, 1877, aged 76. Mr. Allen is a merchant in New Milford. Ch.:

Howard McDonald.

Allen, Samuel, married Susanna ———.

William, b. Dec. 16, 1780.

Allen, Samuel, m. M. Anna Foot, April 27, 1806. He died Feb. 8, 1812.

Mary M., b. Sept. 20, 1806.

Charles E., b. Mar. 27, 1808.

Allen, Lewis, a native of Sharon, m. Emeline Platt. They came to New Milford in 1851. Mr. Allen kept a hotel here many years. He died Jan. 23, 1882. His widow and her family reside on West street.

Frederick.

Sarah.

Charles.

Bell; m. Charles Schreyer.

Clariissa.

Royal.

Alfred.

Allen, George M., m. Jennette, dau. of Stephen Crane, Jr., Apr. 26, 1849. He d. Aug. 28, 1870. She d. May 8, 1878.

William M., b. Oct. 13, 1851.

Sarah E., b. May 7, 1852.

Henry P., b. April 17, 1855.

Horace A., b. Feb. 12, 1863.

1. ANDRUS, Seth, m. Sarah, probably dau. of Samuel Baldwin, Jr., Apr. 11, 1764, and resided in New Milford while the following record was made. Ch.:

2. Samuel, b. Dec. 7, 1764.

4. Cyrus, b. Dec. 3, 1769.

3. Robert, b. Jan. 25, 1767.

5. Philander, b. May 11, 1772.

1. ANTHONY, John H., of Providence, R. I., m. Alice A. Walker of Plainfield, Conn. She died Mar. 11, 1865. When the late war began he was residing in Orange, Conn., and enlisted from that town, and served until honorably dismissed on account of ill health. He now resides in New Milford. Ch.:

2. George Walker, b. in Newton.

5. John Henry, was in the late war.

3. Joseph Henry, d. young.

6. William A., resides in Worcester, Mass.

4. Ellen J.; m. George H. Lines.

2. George W., son of John H. and Alice Anthony, was engaged in business in Brookfield, Conn., sixteen years, and m. Laura C. McMahon of New Milford, Sept. 22, 1864. He has been a hardware merchant in New Milford since 1868. Ch.:

7. Wesley Morton.

1. ARNOLD, Anthony, married Sarah ——. Resided probably near Rocky River a few years. Ch.:

2. Anthony, b. Sept. 14, 1738.

3. Sarah, b. June 24, 1742.

1. AVERILL, Moses, of New Preston.

2. Elisha, bapt. Feb. 24, 1734.

3. Currence, bapt. Feb. 12, 1764.

BALDWIN, FIRST FAMILY.

1. BALDWIN, Richard, was son of Sylvester Baldwin, who died June 21, 1638, on the passage from England in ship Martin. His mother was Sarah, sister of Alexander Bryan, merchant of Milford. Richard was one of the first Free Planters of Milford in 1639, and he was the leader in the settlement of the town of Derby, Conn. He m. Elizabeth Alsop, sister of Joseph, of New Haven, Feb. 5, 1642-3. He d. July 23, 1665. Ch.:

2. Elizabeth, bapt. Sept., 1644.

6. Mary, bapt. Nov. 6, 1653; m. Daniel Comstock.

3. Sylvanus, bapt. Nov. 20, 1646.

7. Theophilus, b. Apr. 26, 1659. +

4. Sarah, bapt. Apr. 1, 1649; m. Samuel Riggs of Derby.

8. Zachariah, b. Sept. 22, 1660.

9. Martha, b. Apr. 1, 1663.

5. Temperance, bapt. June 29, 1651.

10. Barnabas, b. 1665.

7. Theophilus, son of Richard and Elizabeth Baldwin, m. in Milford, Feb. 8, 1682-3, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Camfield. He d. before June 22, 1698, and his widow m. John Merwin, Jan. 6, 1704-5.

11. Martha, b. about 1690; m. Enos Camp.

13. Theophilus, b. about 1694.

12. Abigail, b. about 1692; m. Joseph Peck.

14. Hezekiah, b. about 1697.

13. Capt. Theophilus, Jr., son of Theophilus, came to New Milford in 1716 or 17, and m. Jerusha Beecher, June 5, 1722. He died May 1, 1745. His widow m. David Noble. He was captain of the trainband, and a member of the General Assembly seven sessions. He resided at what is now Park Lane. (See p. 68.)

15. Jerusha, b. Aug. 22, 1723.

20. Isaac, b. Mar. 17, 1735. +

16. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 16, 1725; m. Samuel Comstock.

21. Israel, b. Mar. 19, 1736-7. +

22. Asahel, b. June 27, 1739. +

17. Theophilus, b. Jan. 16, 1728. +

23. David, b. Dec. 5, 1741. He is said to have settled in N. J., near Dover, and afterwards in Cataraugus Co., N. Y.

18. Martha, b. Mar. 26, 1730; m. Ithiel Stone.

19. Hezekiah, b. Sept. 26, 1732. +

24. Anne, b. Nov. 24, 1744; m. Riverius Stilson.

17. Capt. Theophilus, 3d, son of Theophilus and Jerusha Baldwin, m. 1st Mary Noble, Nov. 2, 1748; m. 2d Eunice Noble, Dec. 30, 1762, who d. March, 1778. He m. 3d widow Martha Sherwood, whose husband and several children were burned to death in the burning of their house near Bound Hill. He was a captain of militia, and was in the Revolution. All his children were by his 3d wife. He d. Mar. 10, 1804, æ. 76. Ch.:

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| 25. Theophilus, b. | 29. Martha; m. Abel Gunn. |
| 26. Mary; m. 1st Asahel Sherwood; 2d ——— Thorp, and went to Vt. | 30. Eli, b. about 1782. |
| 27. Eunice; m. 1st David Lockwood, and 2d Geo. Sherman. | 31. Son, buried Nov., 1783, aged 14 ds. (Davis' Narrative.) |
| 28. Anna, b. Mar. 11, 1781; m. Amos Clark of N. M. Removed to Hinesburgh, Vt. No ch. | 32. Daniel, b. Nov. 20, 1786. |

19. Lt. Hezekiah, son of Theophilus and Jerusha Baldwin, m. Abigail Peet, Apr. 5, 1759.

33. Jerusha, b. Sept. 9, 1760.

34. Hezekiah, b. Mar. 25, 1762.

20. Isaac, son of Theophilus and Jerusha Baldwin, m. Hannah Davis, Jan. 2, 1765. She was an adopted daughter of Dea. Nathan Gaylord. His home was near Northville, N. M.; well known to this day. He died Dec. 16, 1811, æ. 76. He was in the battle at Danbury in the Revolution.

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| 35. Pamela, b. Nov. 11, 1765; d. Oct. 2, 1766. | 41. Martha, b. Aug. 6, 1775; m. Mr. Palmer of Vt.; returned to her father's home, where she died. |
| 36. Nathan Gaylord, b. Apr. 27, 1767; removed to Monkton, Vt. | 42. Davis, b. Aug. 8, 1777; removed to Tyringham, Mass., thence to Great Barrington, Mass. |
| 37. Hannah, b. Aug. 10, 1769; joined the Jemima-ites, who settled in Ontario Co., N. Y., and died there unm. The company left New Milford on the 20th of May, 1789, for the Genesee country. | 43. Noble, b. Dec. 25, 1779. |
| 38. Isaac, b. June 10, 1771; d. Feb. 27, 1781. | 44. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 25, 1782; m. Robertson Mumford of Monkton, Vt. |
| 39. Patience, b. July 3, 1773; d. unm. about 1825, at Noosuck Falls. | 45. Lois, b. Mar. 11, 1784; m. Charles Churchill of Salisbury, and settled in Utica, N. Y.; had Elizabeth, Pamela, d. unm., and Cornelia M.; m. Wm. Barton of Brooklyn, N. Y. |
| 40. Prudence, b. July 3, 1773; m. Troop Murdock of Castleton, Vt.; had Henrietta, Sally. | |

21. Israel, son of Theophilus and Jerusha Baldwin, m. Feb. 25, 1761, Elizabeth Warner; residence near his brothers Theophilus and Isaac. He d. Mar. 16, 1778, of small-pox. She d. in Hinesburgh, Vt., Mar. 13, 1811, æ. 73. He is called Israel, Jr. He was, probably, lieut. in Col. Siliman's regiment; appointed June 14, 1776, in the Revolution.

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| 46. Pamela, b. Oct. 4, 1761; d. July 6, 1762. | 51. Annis, b. Apr. 22, 1772; m. Milton Clark; had a family; removed to Hinesburgh, Vt. |
| 47. Daniel, b. Apr. 18, 1763; d. young. | 52. Edmund, b. July 6, 1774; m. Susan Stone; removed to Hinesburgh, Vt.; had 9 ch. |
| 48. Edmund, b. July 7, 1765; d. Sept. 28, 1766. | 53. Orange, b. Nov. 15, 1776; m. Betsey A. Gorham; removed to Hinesburgh, Vt.; 5 ch. |
| 49. Pamela, b. July 2, 1767; m. 1st Reuben Gillett; 2d Joseph Stearns; removed to Nicholasville, N. Y. | |
| 50. Daniel, b. Nov. 8, 1769; d. in 1781. | |

22. Asahel, son of Theophilus and Jerusha Baldwin, m. Aug. 13, 1766, Esther Baldwin, dau. of Samuel; settled in New Milford, west of the village.

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| 54. Ann, b. Mar. 20, 1767; d. June 21, 1777. | 59. Asahel, b. Apr. 24, 1777. |
| 55. Sarah, b. Jan. 10, 1769; m. Cyrenus Stilson. | 60. Israel, b. Oct. 17, 1779; d. Sept. 11, 1790. |
| 56. Esther, b. Nov. 15, 1770; m. ——— Garland; settled at Dover, N. Y. | 61. Lucretia, b. June 3, 1782; m. Samuel Goodsell of New Milford; had Uri B., d. Sept. 21, 1822, and Sarah J., b. Oct. 21, 1823; m. |
| 57. Joel, b. Aug. 22, 1772; m. and settled in Meredith, N. Y. | 62. Isaac, b. June 16, 1787. |
| 58. Phebe, b. July 11, 1774; m. Pelatiah Bailey, perhaps of Sharon. | |

25. Theophilus, 4th, son of Theophilus 3d and Martha Baldwin.

63. Theophilus; m. Rosanna McEuen, Feb. 13, 1821.

66. David.

67. Ebenezer.

64. Ezekiah; d. unm., at the home of his brother Theophilus.

68. Samuel.

69. Eliaz; m. Isaac Clark.

65. Isaac; went to La Salle county, Ill., about 1832, where he was living in 1874, much respected.

70. Susan; m. John Rogers.

30. Eli, son of Theophilus 3d and Martha Baldwin, m. Anna Gunn about 1807. He d. Oct. 9, 1822, æ. 40 years. She was living in Vermillionville, Ill., in 1873.

71. Elvira, b. Oct. 24, 1806; m. Homer Clark; went to Hinesburgh, Vt.

74. Henry Myron; removed to Dear Park, Ill.

72. George, b. June 13, 1810.+

75. Paulina; m. Wm. Way; were living in Orange, Conn., in 1873; had Anna E. and Paulina.

73. Edgar, b. June 29, 1815; removed to Dear Park, Ill.

32. Daniel, son of Theophilus 3d and Martha Baldwin, m. Susan Baldwin, dau. of John, Nov. 8, 1809. He was a Baptist minister, and resided in Northville until 1846, when he removed to Farm Ridge, La Salle Co., Ill., where he d. Oct. 7, 1860. (See Biog.) His wife d. there Aug. 23, 1854. Ch.:

76. Matty, b. Sept. 6, 1811; m. Rev. John Higby.

81. Jane, b. Aug. 17, 1826; m. Eliza Howland.

77. Lorette, b. July 4, 1813; m. Moses G. Hallock.

82. Diantha B., b. Mar. 28, 1829; m. Murray Kirkpatrick.

78. Caroline, b. Apr. 1, 1820; m. Rev. Erasmus N. Jenks.

83. Leander R., b. July 2, 1831.

79. Marquis de la Fayette, b. Aug. 18, 1822.

84. John, b. June 7, 1834.

80. Normand B. (Rev.), b. Aug. 23, 1824. (See Biog.)

85. Amelia Mayette, b. Aug. 16, 1838; m. Chester D. Smith.

43. Noble, son of Isaac and Hannah Baldwin, m. Mary Hinman of Oxford, Conn., Sept. 17, 1803. She was born Oct. 26, 1779. He lived a little south of Northville.

86. Normand, b. Sept. 4, 1804; d. unm. Jan. 25, 1825.

88. Albert Noble, b. Sept. 28, 1811.

87. Elmer, b. Mar. 8, 1806.+

89. Harriet Eliza, b. Aug. 31, 1820; m. Frederick G. Bennett.

59. Asahel, 2d, son of Asahel and Esther Baldwin, m. Tryphena Buck, Mar. 24, 1803; residence N. M. She died in 1870, aged 90 years.

90. Almon, b. Jan. 9, 1801; rem. to Iowa.

94. Lucy Ann, b. Jan. 11, 1811; m. Wm. Cook.

91. Elijah, b. Apr. 14, 1805; a clergyman; rem. to Butternuts, N. Y.

95. Sylvester, b. Feb. 8, 1813; d. æ. 33.

92. Luna, b. Dec. 14, 1806.

96. Joel, b. June 10, 1816.

93. Orman, b. Dec. 23, 1808.

97. Ann, m. ——— Mallory.

62. Isaac, son of Asahel, Sen., and Esther Baldwin, m. Amanda Drake, Nov. 12, 1812. He lived in New Milford, Meredith, N. Y., and New Preston, Conn. He d. Apr. 11, 1845.

98. Israel H., b. Mar. 27, 1813; m. Mercy Cogswell of New Preston, Aug. 17, 1835; lived in Catskill, N. Y.

101. William H., b. Dec. 24, 1866.

99. Phebe, b. Apr. 19, 1814; m.

102. Hiram J., b. July 25, 1819.

100. Joel, b. July 2, 1815.

103. Infant, b. July 27, 1823.

104. Infant, b. Nov. 10, 1824.

105. Laura A., b. Nov. 25, 1825.

87. Hon. Elmer, son of Noble and Mary Baldwin, m. Adaline, dau. of Harvey Benson of N. M., Feb. 15, 1831. He removed to Farm Ridge, La Salle Co., Ill. (See Biog.)

106. Harvey, b. Jan., 1833; d. Sept. 1, 1834.

109. Noble Orlando, b. Sept. 3, 1849. He lives in Farm Ridge, Ill., and has been a member of the Illinois Senate.

107. Mary Adeline; m. Rinaldo Williams.

108. Susan Orville, b. June 30, 1845.

88. *Hon. Albert N.*, son of Noble and Mary Baldwin, m. Oct. 20, 1835, Harriet Elizabeth, dau. of Jeremiah Baldwin of Long Mountain. They live on the homestead of his father near Northville. (See Biog.)

110. Francis Elmer; admitted to the bar in Bridgeport, Conn., as a lawyer; m. Nellie A. Wheaton of Washington; resides with his father.

BALDWIN, SECOND FAMILY.

8. *BALDWIN, Sergt. Zachariah*, son of Richard the first, at Milford; b. Sept. 22, 1660; residence in Milford; m. perhaps for 2d wife, before 1687, Elizabeth, widow of Ezekiel Sanford of Milford. He was Representative for Milford, and was an original proprietor in New Milford. On April 21, 1722, he gave one-fourth of his Right in N. M., except his home lot, to his son Ebenezer. In March, 1723, land was "laid to Ebenezer Baldwin, Stephen Baldwin and Richard Baldwin, sons of Zachariah Baldwin deceased." Ebenezer settled here, the others did not. Zachariah died May 31, 1722. Ch.:

9. Mary, bapt. May 2, 1680.

10. Zachariah.

11. Solomon.

12. Ebenezer, b. Aug. 6, 1693.

13. Elizabeth, bapt. Jan. 1, 1717-18.

14. Susannah, bapt. Nov. 15, 1696.

15. Stephen, b. Oct. 11, 1699.

16. Temperance, bapt. June 13, 1703.

17. Sarah, b. June 9, 1706.

18. Richard, b. Sept. 9, 1709.

12. *Ebenezer*, son of Zachariah Baldwin of Milford, settled in New Milford in the spring of 1722; his house stood on the west side of the street, a little north of the village burying place. His first wife, Mary, died July 13, 1735. He m. 2d, Mary Dayton of Newtown, Dec. 31, 1735. He died Oct. 16, 1776, æ. 83. His widow Mary died Aug. 20, 1778.

19. Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1715; m. David Comstock.

20. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 2, 1716; d. May 27, 1739.

21. Thankful, b. Apr. 18, 1719; m. Ebenezer

Buck, Feb. 29, 1744.

22. Susanna, b. Feb. 6, 1722.

23. Simeon, b. Jan. 14, 1724; m.

24. Betsey, b. Jan. 9, 1728; m. Thomas Brown-

son, Jr., Oct. 24, 1751.

25. Hannah, b. Nov. 30, 1730; d. Mar. 13, 1742.

26. Reuben, b. Apr. 24, 1734; d. May 9, 1737.

By 2d wife.

27. Phebe Daton, b. Apr. 23, 1737; d. Apr. 25,

1737.

28. Phebe, b. June 21, 1738; m. Joseph Linea.

23. *Simeon*, son of Ebenezer and Mary Baldwin, m. Mary (or Mercy), dau. of Thomas Brownson, Dec. 20, 1752. She died June 15, 1763. He m. 2d, Rebecca, dau. of Ezekiel (?) Buck, Jan. 4, 1764. He died June 7, 1808. He is said by his descendants to have been Commissary and Paymaster in the Revolution, and to have lost his property through Continental money, received for beef and provisions furnished the army. He was energetic in this service, acting for a time as collector of provisions and other taxes; as a commissary for purchases, and in the care of families of drafted men. He was injured in advanced years, by the fall of a tree, so that he was unable to do much to recuperate his fallen fortunes.¹ Ch.:

29. Jonah, b. Oct. 26, 1753; unm.; was noted as

a teacher; was quartermaster in the Revolution; was under Montgomery at Quebec.

30. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 1, 1755; m.

31. Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1756; m., no ch.; lived in

Pawling.

32. Lois, b. July 11, 1758; m. Philo Porter,

(which see).

33. Sarah, b. Sept. 29, 1760.

34. Hannah, b. Mar. 12, 1763; d. same day.

35. Amos, b. Dec. 31, 1764; m.

36. Mercy, b. Sept. 22, 1767; d. unm. She was

a teacher over thirty years in N. M. and

Sherman; she published a small Grammar

for schools; published in a pamphlet a list

of the names of all the scholars who at-

tended her schools, and was very highly es-

teemed, being still most pleasantly remem-

bered by the aged people. She died Dec.

4, 1835, æ. 68. Introduction to Mercy

Baldwin's pamphlet, published, 1820: "I

commenced School Teaching in February,

¹ Baldwin Genealogy, p. 107.

1768, and have taught both summer and winter, each successive season, with the exception of one summer. I have taught in thirty-five different neighborhoods in the towns of New Milford, Washington, Roxbury, Woodbury, Sherman, and Wilton, in the State of Connecticut, and in Pauling, N. Y. I have taught 1,803 different scholars,—fifty-nine couples who have been my pupils have been married together, and perhaps many more of whom I have no knowledge. All the children of seventy-three different families have been my pupils. I have had one hundred and seven scholars that one or both of the parents have been under my tuition. I have had one hundred and seven scholars the descendants of one family. In one instance I have taught the grandfather, children, and grandchildren. I am at this

time in the business of school teaching. **MERCY BALDWIN.**" New Milford, August 10, 1866.

37. Asa, b. Apr. 21, 1769; m. Betsey Lewis; removed to Boardman, O.
38. Eli, b. May 12, 1777; m.
39. Rebecca, b. Mar. 27, 1779; m. Beach Hungerford of Sherman, Ct., Oct. 5, 1805, (N. M. Town Rec.) They had: Rebecca, b. Mar. 25, 1802 (?); m. Gideon Kirby of Pawling, N. Y.; Caroline, b. Dec. 1, 1806; m. Revilo Fuller, of Sherman, and left son, Oliver Franklin, wholesale druggist in Chicago; (See Giddings Gen.) Jane E., m. Rev. Edward J. Giddings, Presbyterian minister, of Great Barrington, Mass.; Charlotte Mary, b. Nov. 25, 1821; m. Feb. 2, 1839, Clark Kirby of Pawling, brother of Gideon. (See Baldwin Genealogy, p. 130.)

30. Ebenzer, son of Simeon and Mercy Baldwin, m. Abiah Chapman, Apr. 18, 1776. After some years he removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he died, and his widow died Aug. 1, 1804. He was in the Revolution and the war of 1812.²

40. Charles, b. Apr. 2, 1777; d. young.
41. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 3, 1779.
42. John B., b. Dec. 27, 1780; drowned Aug. 6, 1801.
43. Sally, b. Dec. 22, 1782; d. Oct. 10, 1832.
44. Charlotte, b. Jan. 8, 1785; d. unm.
45. Araminta, b. Apr. 6, 1787; m. Gilbert Ketcham, a prominent man and sheriff in Dutchess Co., N. Y.
46. Henry C., b. Apr. 27, 1790; settled in Poughkeepsie.
47. Frederick S., b. Dec. 18, 1792; settled in Poughkeepsie.
48. Clarissa, b. Oct. 8, 1792; m. Wm. Kirby, in Poughkeepsie.

35. Amos, son of Simeon and Mercy Baldwin, m. Sally Hicks, Feb. 24, 1789, dau. of Jacob Hicks, the Quaker preacher. He settled in Boardman, Ohio, about 1800.

49. Minerva, b. Dec. 5, 1789; m.; settled in O.
50. Jacob Hicks, b. Oct. 13, 1792; settled in O.
51. John Murry, b. Mar. 3, 1795; settled in Ashtabula, O.
52. Asa, b. Jan. 20, 1798; m.; settled in Boardman, O.
53. Garry; settled in Boardman, O.
54. Eli; d. at his home in Painsville, O.
55. Amanda C.; m.; settled in Palmyra, O.
56. Orzo; settled in O., and in Cass Co., Iowa.
57. Amander; settled in Saybrook, O.

38. Eli, son of Simeon and Mercy Baldwin, was apprenticed when fourteen years of age to a cooper, and when of age he worked at his trade. He also taught school and held some township offices. In 1801, he was employed by Elijah Boardman and others as their general land agent in the Western Reserve, and was occupied as such in Boardman and Palmyra, in Ohio. He left Connecticut April 15, 1801, and arrived in Boardman May 1. He superintended the survey and first settlement of Medina, O., and was employed some of the time in Mr. Boardman's store and mill. In 1836 he himself established a carding, fulling, and cloth-dressing mill, and did much public work, specially surveying and settling estates. He married Oct. 9, 1805, in Ohio, Mary, dau. of Jesse Rupert, formerly of Delaware. He was a Quaker, and in 1799 removed to Youngstown, O. Eli Baldwin held many offices; was Justice of the Peace, Military Captain, County Commissioner, and Postmaster. He had been a member of the House in Ohio once, and the Senate three times; when, in 1822, he was a candidate for Congress, but lost his election to Elisha Whittlesey by sixty-six votes, there being three candidates. He was thereafter elected twice to

² Baldwin Genealogy.

the House of the State, and twice to the Senate. In 1836, he was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, and was defeated by a small majority. He died in Boardman, Dec. 3, 1841.

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| 58. Julia Ann, b. Apr. 1807; d. June, 1842. | 64. Eli, b. Oct. 3, 1822 (a twin). |
| 59. Henry, b. Jan., 1810; d. unm. in 1843. | 65. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1822; m. |
| 60. Horace, b. Dec. 12, 1812; m. | 67. Homer, b. Jan. 12, 1825; m. |
| 61. Jesse, b. Apr. 9, 1815; m. | 68. George S., b. Mar. 25, 1827; m. |
| 62. William, b. Mar. 15, 1817; m. | 69. Matilda Henrietta, b. Apr. 17, 1829; m. |
| 63. Caroline, b. June 3, 1820. | |

41. Nathaniel, son of Ebenezer and Abiah Baldwin, m. Elizabeth Hawley of Stratford. He died in the war of 1812.

70. Charlotte A., b. in 1801; m.

BALDWIN, THIRD FAMILY.

1. BALDWIN, Joseph, was one of the first settlers in Milford, in 1639. He was the son of Richard of Cholesbury, County Bucks, England.¹ His wife Hannah joined the church at Milford June 23, 1644, when their first four children were baptized. He removed to Hadley, Mass., about 1663. Ch.:

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| 2. Joseph, bapt. June 23, 1644. | 7. Martha, bapt. Mar., 1645. |
| 3. Benjamin, bapt. June 23, 1644. | 8. Jonathan, b. Feb. 15, 1649. |
| 4. Hannah, bapt. June 23, 1644. | 9. David, b. Oct. 19, 1651. |
| 5. Mary, bapt. June 23, 1644. | 10. Sarah, b. Nov. 6, 1653. |
| 6. Elizabeth, bapt. Mar., 1645. | |

9. David, son of Joseph and Hannah Baldwin, m. Mary, dau. of Ens. John Stream of Milford, Nov. 11, 1674. He died Sept., 1689. She died May 28, 1712.

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| 11. Samuel, b. Dec. 25, 1683. | 13. Nathan, bapt. June 2, 1689. |
| 12. David, bapt. Feb. 14, 1685. | |

11. Samuel, son of David and Mary Baldwin, m. Sarah Crosby, Apr. 9, 1712. He died in N. M. Dec. 18, 1740. She died in N. M. Feb. 23, 1773, æ. 91.

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| 14. Samuel, b. May 10, 1713. | 17. Sarah, b. July 30, 1721; d. Jan. 19, 1722. |
| 15. Gamaliel, b. Sept. 11, 1716. | 18. Abiel, b. Nov. 26, 1724. |
| 16. Israel, b. Oct. 31, 1718. | |

14. Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Sarah Baldwin, m. Grace, dau. of Enoch Buck of New Milford, Oct. 31, 1739.

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| 19. Amos, b. Aug. 4, 1740; d. | 25. Eunice, b. Apr. 3, 1750. |
| 20. Amon, b. Aug. 5, 1741. | 26. Zuba, b. Dec. 26, 1753. |
| 21. Sarah, b. Sept. 23, 1742. | 27. Abigail, b. Dec. 10, 1754. |
| 22. Amos, b. Feb. 21, 1743-4. | 28. Lois, b. Jan. 23, 1758. |
| 23. Nathan, b. July 15, 1748; m. and had a daua. | 29. Chloe, b. Apr. 6, 1760. |

15. Gamaliel, son of Samuel and Sarah Baldwin, m. Rebecca Herrick, adopted dau. of Benoni Stebbins of New Milford, Feb. 11, 1741-42. (See p. 200.)

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| 30. Samuel, b. Mar. 21, 1742-3. His estate was, in 1779, distributed in Danbury Probate to his brothers and sisters. | 32. Isaac, bapt. May 6, 1753. |
| 31. Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1744-5; m. Jonathan Giddings of Sherman. (See Giddings Gen.) | 33. Rachel; m. Rev. Medad Rogers of New Fairfield. |
| | 34. Hannah; m. Peter Waller. |

16. Israel, son of Samuel and Sarah Baldwin, m. Hannah Gunn, Oct. 9, 1751.

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| 34. Hannah, b. June 1, 1752. | 38. Israel, b. Mar. 25, 1761. |
| 35. Jane, b. Aug. 31, 1754. | 39. Abiel, b. July 12, 1763. |
| 36. John, b. Nov. 20, 1756. | 40. Content, b. Feb. 9, 1766. |
| 37. Mercy, b. Mar. 6, 1759. | |

18. Abiel, son of Samuel and Sarah Baldwin, m. Rachel Buck, Dec. 12, 1749. He died Sept. 8, 1754.

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| 41. Joel, b. Sept. 27, 1750. | 42. Abigail, b. Dec. 5, 1752; d. June 1, 1754. |
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¹ Baldwin Genealogy, 480.

32. Amos, son of Samuel Jr., and Grace Baldwin, m. 1st Martha Allen, April 25, 1770. She was b. Mar. 17, 1745, and died; and he m. 2d Sally Hicks, Feb. 24, 1789, and removed to Schoharie Co., N. Y., about 1800.

43. Allen, b. Jan. 29, 1776.

Minerva, b. Dec. 13, 1792.

44. Daniel, b. Nov. 7, 1778.

John, b. Mar. 3, 1795.

45. Samuel, b. Nov. 18, 1779.

33. Isaac, son of Gamaliel and Rebecca Baldwin, was a surgeon in the Revolution and afterwards settled in Waterbury as a physician, where he m. Sarah, dau. of Rev. Mark Leavenworth in 1782. He removed to Sharon, Mass., about 1797, and thence to Great Barrington, where he resumed practice. He d. Feb. 21, 1814; his wife d. Feb. 22, 1793.

46. Sally, b. May 22, 1785; m. Edward Field, M.D., of Waterbury.

47. Rebecca, b. June 22, 1787, d. unm.
48. Esther, m. Edward Field, M.D.

36. Dea. John, son of Israel and Hannah Baldwin, m. Susannah Bristol; who, after the death of her husband, m. 2d Joseph Giddings. He was a Deacon in Cong. Church, and was killed Mar. 19, 1803, by the falling of a limb of a tree, in the woods east of Mount Tom, where there is a stone set up as a monument of the sad accident.

49. Mercy, b. 1785; d. July 28, 1808, æ. 23.

53. Susannah, b. Aug. 29, 1794; m. Rev. Daniel Baldwin.

50. Polly, b. 1788; unm.; d. June 10, 1872.

54. John, b. Sept. 22, 1796; +

51. Hannah, b. 1788 (?); d. Oct., 1806 (?).

55. Bristol, b. in 1799; d. Oct. 3, 1806.

52. Samuel, b. Sept. 6, 1791; +

38. Israel, 2d, son of Israel and Hannah Baldwin, m. Lovina Todd, July 18, 1785. He d. Mar. 20, 1788, aged 27 years. He was a school teacher.

56. Israel, settled in Orleans, Chenango Co., N. Y.

57. Walter, b. 1787; d. Feb., 1814, æ. 27 years.

39. Abiel, son of Israel and Hannah Baldwin, m. Annis Stone, Sept. 10, 1787, and settled in Washington, Ct.

58. Amella, b. July 25, 1788; d. Sept. 25, 1833, unm.

63. Annis, b. Jan. 23, 1797; d. Apr. 15, 1798.

59. Truman, b. Aug. 20, 1789; +

64. Gerardus, b. Mar. 7, 1799; d. Oct. 21, 1804.

60. Hermon, b. Mar. 13, 1791; +

65. Annis, b. Dec. 3, 1800; m. Hiram Wheaton, and d. Jan. 4, 1830; had Mark Hermon.

61. Elijah, b. Oct. 5, 1792; +

66. Charles Wm., b. Feb. 23, 1804; d. Mar. 9, 1828.

62. Abiel, b. Mar. 31, 1795; m. Maria Ingersoll of N. M., Jan. 8, 1823; residence in New Preston, where he d. Sept. 22, 1827; no ch.

67. Julia Maria, b. Oct. 17, 1807; d. Jan. 2, 1826.

59. Truman, son of Abiel and Annis Baldwin, m. and lived in Washington, Ct.; was Representative in 1838, and several other times, and died at Great Bend, Pa., Feb. 2, 1866, where several of his children settled.

68. George, b. Apr. 9, 1816; a lawyer.

71. Daniel A., b. Mar. 9, 1829; a lawyer.

69. William, b. Dec. 16, 1821; a Presbyterian clergyman.

72. John, b. Sept. 9, 1832; a lawyer.

70. Herman, b. Dec. 22, 1823; a farmer.

73. Charles E., b. Mar. 22, 1834; a lawyer.

60. Hermon, son of Abiel and Annis Baldwin, m. Caroline Trowbridge; lived in Washington, Ct.

74. George R. T., b. 1822.

75. Susan A.

61. Eljah, son of Abiel and Annis Baldwin, m. Eliza Tomlinson, Jan. 6, 1820. She d. June 4, 1822, æ. 21 years. He m. 2d Ruth Ann Tomlinson, Mar. 13, 1823. She was b. Jan. 6, 1808; d. Sept. 30, 1840, æ. 33 years. He d. Apr. 30, 1838, æ. 45.

76. Eliza Aurelia, b. Jan. 4, 1824; m. George W. Cogswell, Jan. 4, 1853.

79. Jerome Wales, b. June 14, 1829; d. Mar. 21, 1834.

77. Julia Maria, b. Feb. 8, 1826; m. Sept. 26, 1849, Henry S. Wheaton, and resided on her father's homestead; had Caroline, George, and Ellen Augusta.

80. Elijah Wheeler, b. Jan. 9, 1831; resides in Milwaukee, Wis.

78. Betsey Tomlinson, b. Oct. 5, 1827; m. William Hoag.

81. Abiel Sherman, b. Mar. 11, 1833; residence, Iowa.

82. Jerome Edward, b. June 13, 1835; d. Aug. 15, 1861.

BALDWIN, FOURTH FAMILY.

1. **BALDWIN, Jeremiah**, son of Jeremiah 1st, b. in Milford about 1735. His father, Jeremiah 1st, was son of Daniel, who was son of Daniel, who was son of Nathaniel, one of the first settlers in Milford, and the brother of Joseph (p. 645) and Timothy. This Jeremiah 2d came to New Milford soon after his son Jeremiah 3d settled here in 1793, with his family—wife Eunice and six children. His will, dated May 21, 1802, was proved in New Milford, June 21, 1802. Ch.:

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| 2. David, b. Sept. 6, 1768. | 5. Eunice, m. Daniel Nettleton of New Milford. They settled in Washington, Ct. |
| 3. John. | 6. Polly, m. John Bronson of Waterbury, Ct. |
| 4. Jeremiah, b. in 1773. | 7. Hannah, m. Stephen Crane, Jr. |

2. **David**, son of Jeremiah 1st and Eunice Baldwin, settled on Long Mountain in N. M., about 1794 or 5, and d. July 10, 1816. He m. Abigail Bull, who was b. Apr. 9, 1768, and d. Dec., 1815.

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| 8. Martha Pond, b. Aug. 9, 1791; m. Orrin Bennett. | 10. Charlotte Maria, b. Apr. 9, 1801; d. July 23, 1844. |
| 9. Harriet, b. Feb. 22, 1794; d. Mar. 19, 1875. | |

3. **John**, son of Jeremiah 2d and Eunice Baldwin, came to N. M. with his father, and d. here in 1806.

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| 11. Samuel, b. Sept. 6, 1791; d. young. | 15. John Treat, b. Mar. 12, 1799; became a Cong. clergyman. |
| 12. Betsey, m. Walker Canfield. | 16. Charles, m. twice, and said to have been living in 1874 in West Haven, Ct. |
| 13. Myra, m. Philo Nearing of Smyrna, N. Y. | |
| 14. Lucy, m. John Nearing of New Lisbon, N. Y. | |

4. **Jeremiah, 3d**, son of Jeremiah 2d and Eunice Baldwin, came to New Milford in the spring and worked all summer; went back to Milford in the fall and m. Sarah E., dau. of David Merwin, in 1793; returned and settled on a farm he bought of Asaph Buck, on Long Mountain. His will, dated May 2, 1843, was proved the November following.

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| 17. Minerva, m. as his 2d wife, Asa Nearing. | 19. Dealia Maria, m. as 2d wife, Sheldon Buckingham. |
| 18. Polly, b. Feb. 20, 1814; m. Asa Nearing of New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y. | 20. Harriet Eliza, m. Albert N. Baldwin of Northville, N. M. |

BALDWIN, FIFTH FAMILY.

BALDWIN, Jared, son of Caleb, of Newtown (who was son of Samuel, son of Josiah, son of John the first at Milford), settled in the south part of New Milford about 1755.

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| 1. Jared, b. Oct. 13, 1754, in Newtown; m. Rachel Barnes, May 17, 1780. He d. in N. M. Feb. 25, 1785. Had Amasa, b. Feb. 8, 1784, and Jared, b. Mar. 30, 1785, in N. M. | 6. Tibbals, b. Nov. 17, 1763; m.; removed to Luzerne, Pa. |
| 2. Ann, b. Mar. 23, 1756, in N. M., probably. | 7. Gabriel, b. Jan. 29, 1766; became an M.D. and settled in Weston, Ct. |
| 3. Huldah, b. Mar. 20, 1758; m. Keller. | 8. John, b. Nov. 19, 1768; m.; settled in Weston, Ct. |
| 4. Sarah, b. Dec. 4, 1759. | 9. Amos, b. Oct. 26, 1769; removed to Luzerne Co., Pa. |
| 5. True, b. Nov. 6, 1761; m. Jacob Allen. | 10. Lucy, b. May 3, 1772; m. Mack. |
| | 11. Jude, removed to Wyoming Valley. |
| | 12. Priscilla. |

BALDWIN, Thaddeus, brother of Jared, above, m. Sarah —, July 15, 1762; lived in Newbury Society, N. M. He d. July 25, 1815.

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| 13. Thaddeus, b. Apr. 9, 1764; d. Apr. 21, 1786. | 18. Isaac, b. Jan. 5, 1775; m. Hannah; had Eliza, who m. Wm. Bristol of Brookfield, the father of Hon. Isaac Bristol of New Milford. |
| 14. Lemuel, b. May 24, 1766. | 19. Sarah, b. Mar. 30, 1777; m. John Northrop. |
| 15. Ruby, b. May 30, 1769; m. Samuel A. Botsford. | 20. Martha, b. June 26, 1780; m. Lemuel Warner. |
| 16. Jerusha, b. July 26, 1770; m. Wait Northrop. | 21. Solomon, b. Aug. 31, 1783; a graduate of Yale in 1811; d. in Brookfield. |
| 17. Joel, b. Oct. 29, 1772; residence in Brookfield. | 22. Amarillis, m. Thaddeus Clark of Oswego, N. Y. |

1. **BANKER, Phoe**, m. Julia M. French, Jan. 1, 1830. He d. May 6, 1865, a. 36 years. She m. 2d, — Hartwell.

2. Nancy M., b. Sept. 25, 1832.

4. Lucinda S., b. Apr. 20, 1839.

3. Betsey A., b. Nov. 11, 1854.

BARLOW, David A., son of Joel Barlow of Redding, came to New Milford in 1850; m. Susan A. Couch of Bethel, Conn., in 1856. Ch.:

1. Charles Couch; clerk in the Bank.

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2. Fidele Arvesta; m. Burns Lasher.

5. Cornelia Arvesta.

3. Estelle Grace.

6. David Arthur.

1. **BARNES, Andrew**, b. in 1773, son of Stephen and Ann Barnes of Lyme, m. Polly, dau. of Jonathan Giddings of Sherman, Jan. 27, 1803, and, after some years, settled on Stillson Hill, in New Milford, where he lived as an extensive farmer until his decease, Jan. 3, 1853. His wife Polly d. Sept. 21, 1844.

2. Albert, b. Aug. 6, 1805, in Sherman.

4. Samuel Hubbell, b. about 1813.

3. Loretta, b. in 1807; m. Capt. Levi Starr of Danbury, and had: William, m. Margaret Stone of Danbury; Frederick; Mary.

5. Sarah; m. Newell McMahon of New Milford, and has a son Joseph who resides in Wilton, Conn.

2. **Albert**, son of Andrew and Polly Barnes, m. Feb., 1835, Catharine, dau. of Nathan Gaylord, and is a farmer and a man of prominence in Sherman.

6. Andrew G., b. Nov. 15, 1838.

He is a prominent man in town offices; has been selectman, and Representative in 1879.

7. George A., b. Mar. 4, 1841; m. Dec. 13, 1871, Euna L., dau. of Israel and Abbe (Ferriss) Haviland, and resides on the homestead.

8. Hiram Sidney, b. Apr. 10, 1843.

4. **Samuel H.**, son of Andrew and Polly Barnes, m. Sally, dau. of David Sterling, and resides in Wilton, Conn.

9. Mary; m. Ephraim Leach.

They now reside in Sherman. They have one son, Alexander H. Barlow, who m. Susan Bailey, and is a merchant and Postmaster at Gaylordsville.

10. Laura A.; m. Bradley Barlow of Gaylordsville, N. M., who was for many years a merchant and proprietor of a saw-mill and grist-mill.

6. **Andrew G.**, son of Albert and Catharine Barnes, m. Harriet, dau. of George Seelye of Washington, Conn., and is a farmer near Boardman's bridge in New Milford, and has dealt largely in cattle. Ch.:

11. Albert Sherwood.

8. **Hiram S.**, son of Albert and Catharine Barnes, m. Jan. 30, 1878, Nettie, dau. of Capt. David D. Hoag. Her father fell in a charge on Port Hudson, La., during the war for the Union. Ch.:

12. Sidney Hubbell.

13. Edward David.

1. **BARNES, Amos**, m. Anna Byington, July 2, 1777. He died June 14, 1788.

2. Betsey, b. Mar. 11, 1778.

4. Amos Clinton, bapt. June 1, 1788.

3. Amanda, b. Jan. 14, 1781; d. Dec. 24, 1794.

BARTLET, Isaiah, was in New Milford in 1711, and the following marriages are recorded, but whether these women were daughters of Isaiah is not certain.

1. Thankful Bartlet, m. Jonathan Weller, Dec. 20, 1733.

2. Mindwell Bartlet, m. Oliver Thayer, Sept. 12, 1738.

BATTELL, James, and wife Hannah.

1. Abigail, b. July 10, 1750.

1. **BEACH, David**, of Stratford, bought land in Bridgewater in 1768, and afterwards. It is not known that he settled here, but several of his sons did.

2. Abigail, b. 1776.

6. David.

3. John; was in the Revolution.

7. Anne.

4. Robert.

8. Sarah.

5. Hannah.

9. Ruth.

2. **Abijah**, son of David Beach, came from Stratford, and m. Abigail Closson, Oct. 31, 1790; he being then in his 25th year, and she in her 18th year. (See page 427.)

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| 10. Albert, b. Dec. 17, 1793. | 13. Isaac C., b. Mar. 7, 1802; a clergyman. (See Biog.) |
| 11. Lucy Ann, b. Apr. 5, 1795; m. Wm. Reynolds; resided in New York city. | 14. Elijah, b. May 20, 1804. |
| 12. Letitia, b. Sept. 1, 1798; m. Maltby Reynolds; residence, New York city. | 15. Emily, b. Sept. 29, 1808. |
| | 16. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1814; m. Manley Reynolds. |

4. **Robert**, son of David Beach.

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| 17. Timothy Allen, bapt. Nov. 19, 1783. | 21. Son, bapt. Sept. 23, 1787. |
| 18. Esther, bapt. Dec. 26, 1784. | |

6. **David, Jr.**, son of David Beach.

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| 19. Anne, bapt. June 30, 1771. | 22. Lucy Botsford, bapt. Nov. 28, 1784. |
| 20. Ralph Smith, bapt. Apr. 22, 1781. | 23. Laura, bapt. Feb. 4, 1787. |

10. **Dea. Albert**, son of Abijah and Abigail Beach, m. Philena Beecher of Bridgewater.

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| 24. Mary; d. young. | 25. Abigail E.; m. Elijah S. Dunning. |
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Beach, Caleb, m. Clara Treat, Aug. 16, 1787.

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| 1. Thalia, b. June 1, 1788. | 3. Anna Matilda, b. Oct. 20, 1793. |
| 2. Laura, b. Aug. 25, 1791. | |

Beach, Edward.

Abigail, bapt. Jan. 26, 1794.

Beach, Luther, m. Sarah J. Bates, Nov., 1829.

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| 1. Maria J., b. Dec. 18, 1830; m. Munson Fairchild. | 3. Martha J., b. Jan. 20, 1837; m. Henry Booth. |
| 2. John B., b. Feb. 14, 1832. | 4. Frances A., b. Mar. 2, 1839. |
| | 5. Charles N., b. Oct. 18, 1842. |

5. **Charles N.**, son of Luther and Sarah J. Beach, m. 1st Rosanna Clark; 2d — Moore.

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| 1. Estella. | 3. Alice. |
| 2. Clara. | |

Beach, Merritt, son of Benajah Beach of Woodbridge, Conn., came to New Milford, and m. Rebecca S. Canfield, Oct. 18, 1866. He is a hardware and lumber merchant. Ch.:

1. Charles M.

1. **BEARD, David**, was born June 7, 1762, in Milford; came to New Milford about 1788, and m. Polly, dau. of John Comstock, Mar. 30, 1790. She was born Nov. 1, 1769, and d. Mar. 8, 1812. He m. 2d Sarah, dau. of Rev. Daniel Hine, Apr. 24, 1814. She d. Mar. 11, 1861.

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| 2. Homer, b. Nov. 28, 1791; m. June 10, 1841, Phebe Morehouse, who d. Sept. 10, 1874. He d. Feb. 23, 1871; no ch. | 5. Minerva, b. Sept. 2, 1800; m. Samuel B. Sterling. |
| 3. Benjamin, b. Oct. 28, 1794; d. Feb. 28, 1816. | 6. Seymour, b. Mar. 25, 1805; d. Mar. 5, 1836, æ. 31. |
| 4. Maria, b. Apr. 1, 1797; d. Apr. 15, 1876, æ. 79, unm. | 7. Eliza, b. Mar. 7, 1809; m. Daniel Morehouse, Dec. 24, 1850; d. Apr. 3, 1856, æ. 47; no ch. |

BEARDSLEE, David, of Stratford, m. Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Stiles) Wells; and removed to New Milford. She died Mar. 6, 1806, aged 91. He died Apr. 15, 1782, aged nearly 70.

Stiles, bapt. Jan. 26, 1755.

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| 1. Hezekiah, bapt. Dec. 7, 1760; d. unm. | 5. Wells; m. Andrea Fowler. |
| 2. Philonas. | 6. Rebecca; m. Abel Canfield. |
| 3. Dexter, bapt. June 11, 1769. | 7. Sarah; m. — Stone. |
| 4. Ephraim; m. | 8. Lucy; m. Stephen Chittenden, Sept. 26, 1765. |

4. **Ephraim**, son of David and Sarah Beardslee, m. Martha Hatch. Residence in Kent, Conn. He died Mar. 22, 1806, aged 68. She died Mar. 27, 1818, aged 65. Ch.:

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| 9. Philena, b. Dec. 7, 1768; m. Patty Beach, and settled in Penn. | 12. Lydia, b. Jan. 15, 1776; d. Aug. 14, 1839. |
| 10. Deidama, b. Sept. 15, 1770; m. Abijah Berry of Kent. | 13. Wells, M.D., b. Dec. 3, 1780; m. Chloe Swift. |
| 11. Ephraim, b. Mar. 30, 1773; m. Hannah Berry; settled in St. Albans, Vt. | 14. Clark, b. Apr. 7, 1783; m. Naomi Chase. |
| | 15. Sarah, b. Apr. 12, 1787; m. Moses Swift. |

5. **Wells**, son of David and Sarah Beardslee, m. Andrea Fowler of Stratford.

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| 16. Augustine; m. Polly Beard; had Clarinda, Lucinda, Samuel. | 18. Harry; m. ——— Smith; had William. |
| 17. Ruggles; killed by a fall from a horse in New Preston. | 19. Lucy, b. Feb. 2, 1783; m. Harmon Merwin. |

9. **Philonas**, son of Ephraim and Martha Beardslee, m. Patty Beach, and settled in Penn., and died there, leaving four children:

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| 20. Albert. | 22. Susan. |
| 21. Charles. | 23. John. |

Beardslee, Silas, m. Catharine Treadwell, May 14, 1789. Ch.:

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| 1. Eunice, b. Sept. 25, 1790. | 2. William, b. Nov. 22, 1792. |
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Beardslee, John, and wife.

1. Eliza, b. June 3, 1774.

BEARDSLEY, Timothy.

Elizabeth, bapt. Nov. 29, 1789.

Beardsley, Rev. Edward, born in Newtown, Conn., Jan. 6, 1823, m. Susan A. Perkins, Jan. 12, 1845. She was b. Mar. 20, 1820, and died May 17, 1870. He m. 2d Ellen Hoar of Tawas, Mich., Jan. 5, 1871. He resides in Northville. Ch.:

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| 1. Ezra Johnson, b. Apr. 28, 1846; m. Lettie Demming of Newtown; resides in Filmont, N. Y.; has William H. | 2. Amelia Estelle, b. July 21, 1849; m. Horace P. Dresser of New York city, and has Lillie B., Ezra, and a son. |
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3. Eddie.

4. Loie.

Beardsley, Elithu.

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| 1. Sarah, bapt. May 29, 1763. | 3. Bille, bapt. Mar. 27, 1770. |
| 2. William, bapt. May 25, 1766. | |

BEEBE, Samuel, from Danbury, with his wife and five children, came to New Milford in 1713, and removed to Litchfield in 1727.

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| 1. Mary, b. Sept. 25, 1699; m. Enoch Buck of N. M., in 1717. | 4. John, b. Mar. 1, 1706. |
| 2. Samuel, b. Nov. 13, 1701. | 5. Sarah, b. Feb. 22, 1713. |
| 3. "Jeames," b. Aug. 7, 1704. | 6. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 8, 1716, in N. M. |

BEECHER, Dea. Eleazer, married Frances Oviatt of N. M., Oct. 30, 1729. She d. Sept. 1, 1791, æ. 82. He d. Dec. 23, 1797, æ. 90. (See page 146.)

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| 1. Frances, b. July 5, 1730. | 4. "Phebie," b. Mar. 22, 1737; m. John Morehouse. |
| 2. Eleazer, b. Sept. 17, 1732. | 5. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 19, 1739. |
| 3. Abigail, b. Nov. 22, 1734; d. Oct., 1737. | 6. Lydia, b. Nov. 18, 1741; m. Rev. Daniel Hine. |

2. **Eleazer, Jr.**, son of Eleazer, married Elsie Bristol, Dec. 24, 1760.

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| 7. Lyman, b. June 4, 1762; d. Dec. 7, 1766. | 11. Eleazer, } twins, b. Aug. 8, 1773. |
| 8. Eunice, b. May 4, 1764. | 12. John, |
| 9. Annis, b. Nov. 25, 1766. | 13. Urania, m. Salmon Buck. |
| 10. Thalia, b. June 2, 1769; m. Daniel Garlick, Nov. 5, 1788. | 14. Jane, m. Wm. Nickerson. |

5. *Nathaniel*, son of Dea. Eleazer and Frances Beecher; m.

14. John.

11. *Elder Eleazer*, one of the twins, son of Eleazer and Elsie Beecher, m. Mary Barlow of Kent. He and his twin brother John married sisters, which aided probably in keeping the relation good. The twins looked alike, it is said, acted alike, and always thought just alike. If one was asked a question he would always refer the matter to his brother, and the other, the same. The "Twin Beechers" were known far and near, but never known separate except when together. Ch.:

15. Stephen, b. Sept. 8, 1796.

12. *Dea. John*, one of the twins, son of Eleazer and Elsie Beecher, m. 1st, Abigail Barlow of Kent; m. 2d, Anne Stone. He was one of the twins, and is said to have been like his brother, except, only, he was a deacon in the Congregational Church, and his brother an elder in the Baptist Church; but after a number of years of such separation, "Brother John" joined the Baptist Church.

By 1st wife.

By 2d wife.

16. Abigail, b. Feb. 22, 1805; m. Gerardus Camp.

17. Amarilla, b. July 1, 1812.

14. *Doct. John*, son of Nathaniel Beecher, m. Lydia Austin, Nov. 9, 1775.

18. John, b. Aug. 31, 1776.

21. Austin, b. May 7, 1782.

19. Lydia, b. Jan. 15, 1778.

22. Rebecca, b. Aug. 26, 1783.

20. Lyman, b. Nov. 24, 1779; being of Hinesburgh, Vt.; m. Elizabeth Stone, Feb. 5, 1803, in N. M.

23. Polly, b. Nov. 3, 1785.

24. Harvey, b. Mar. 29, 1787.

25. Lucy, b. Dec. 8, 1789.

15. *Stephen*, son of Elder Eleazer and Mary Beecher, m. Diantha Stone, Oct. 23, 1815. He and his wife Diantha were both born on the same day, Sept. 8, 1796. He lived on his father's homestead, where his son Stephen G. now resides.

26. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 6, 1819; m. Benjamin J. Stone.
27. Stephen Granville, b. Dec. 9, 1832.

Stephen G., son of Stephen and Diantha Beecher, m. Ellen Eliza Wetmore of Winchester, Ct., Aug. 14, 1856. They reside on the old Beecher homestead, at the foot of Great Mount Tom. Ch.:

28. Henry Ward, m. Lizzie Loomis, Nov. 3, 1880.
30. Abel Stephen.

31. Bertha L.

29. Mary Ann, d. Mar. 4, 1874.

Beecher, Raphael, came from New Haven to Brookfield.

Philena, m. Albert Beach of Bridgewater.

BEERS, Josiah, m. Freelove Canfield, Mar. 27, 1780, and resided on Beers Hill, afterward Carmans Hill.

1. Paulina, b. July 16, 1782.

6. Eli Henry, b. Feb. 14, 1793.

2. Laurania, b. Mar. 16, 1784.

7. Gideon Noble, b. Nov. 7, 1797.

3. "Rebekah," b. Sept. 30, 1785.

8. Daniel, b. May 30, 1799.

4. Sarah, b. Dec. 27, 1788.

9. Anna Maria, b. Sept. 20, 1802.

5. Joseph Canfield, b. June 1, 1790.

10. Caroline, b. Apr. 13, 1805.

Beers, Abijah, and wife Sarah —.

1. Son, b. Dec. 21, 1780; d. same day.

3. Anne, b. Apr. 29, 1784.

2. Abel, b. June 5, 1782.

Beers, James, had

Olive, bapt. Aug. 4, 1771.

BENNETT, FIRST FAMILY.

BENNETT, Caleb, b. 1715; m. Abigail Fowler, June 13, 1746, and settled in N. M. about the same time, east of and near "Waraumags Meadow," where he was residing in Aug., 1751; this was in Lower Merryall.

1. Isaac, b. Apr. 15, 1747; m. Catharine Dayton of N. M., May 4, 1769; removed to Stockbridge, Mass.; had 3 ch.
2. Anne, b. Mar. 31, 1749; m. — Griswold.
3. Samuel, b. May 30, 1750; said to have been Captain in the Revolution.
4. Abijah, b. Jan. 24, 1752.
5. Marcy, b. Sept. 4, 1753; m. Richard Hubbell.
6. James, b. May 14, 1755; was a Lieutenant in the Revolution.
7. Caleb, b. Oct. 21, 1758.
8. Abigail, b. Sept. 17, 1761; m.
9. Nehemiah, b. Aug. 21, 1763.
10. Gerahom, b. Aug. 15, 1765.
11. Sarah, b. June 10, 1767; m.
12. Jasper, b. May 7, 1769; settled in Pompey, N. Y.
4. **Abijah**, son of Caleb and Abigail Bennett, m. Abigail Stone of N. M., Jan. 23, 1777; was a blacksmith at the Cushman place in Park Lane; removed to Canaan.
13. Samuel, b. Nov. 6, 1777.
7. **Caleb**, 2d, son of Caleb and Abigail Bennett, m. at Princeton, Freelove —. He resided at Stockbridge, Mass.
14. Alanson, b. Nov. 25, 1787.
15. Adolphus Fowler, b. 1790.
16. Robert Chapman, b. Aug. 21, 1791.
17. Emeline Maria, b. Oct. 23, 1798; m. Lawson D. Bidwell.
10. **Gerahom**, son of Caleb and Abigail Bennett, m. Sarah, dau. of Israel Noble. He d. Jan. 27, 1815, æ. 49. She m. 2d, John Roberts, July 3, 1816.
18. Lucy.
19. Orrin, b. Sept. 23, 1788.
20. Sally, m. Dec. 30, 1813, Douglas Turrill.
19. **Orrin**, son of Gerahom and Sarah Bennett, m. Martha P. Baldwin, Dec. 23, 1813. He d. May 16, 1858, aged 69 years.
21. Frederick Fowler, b. Oct. 11, 1815; d. Mar. 12, 1866.
22. Myron Baldwin, b. Jan. 27, 1817; m.
23. James Marcus, b. Sept. 12, 1818; m.
24. Frederick Gerahom, b. Oct. 6, 1822; m.
25. Franklin, b. Aug. 29, 1827; m.
26. Harriet Abigail, b. Dec. 27, 1830; m. James Wells.
22. **Myron G.**, son of Orrin and Martha P. Bennett, m. Mary Stuart, Sept. 27, 1841. He d. Mar. 19, 1856. She d. in 1858.
27. Jasper, b. Dec. 22, 1843.
28. Ella, b. Sept. 10, 1845.
23. **James M.**, son of Orrin and Martha P. Bennett, m. Sarah Nye Grannis, June 1, 1852.
24. **Frederick G.**, son of Orrin and Martha P. Bennett, m. Harriet E. Baldwin, Oct. 7, 1845. She d. May 21, 1882. He resides in New Milford village, is a cabinet dealer and undertaker, in partnership with his son. Ch.:
29. Charlotte Baldwin.
30. Willis Frederick.
25. **Franklin**, son of Orrin and Martha P. Bennett, m. Almira Hine, Nov. 24, 1853. He d. Mar. 20, 1876. Ch.:
31. Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 25, 1854.
32. Myron, b. Sept. 18, 1856.
33. Orrin, b. Mar. 27, 1858; d. Mar. 29, 1876.
34. Helen Adelaide, b. Oct. 31, 1859.
35. Harriet Martha, b. May 18, 1865; d. Mar. 24, 1868.
36. Charlotte Wells, b. Jan. 19, 1867.
37. James Marcus, b. Feb. 24, 1869.
38. Clarence Franklin, b. May 13, 1872.
39. Charles Hine, b. May 18, 1865; d. Mar. 14, 1868.
30. **Willis F.**, son of Frederick G. and Harriet E. Bennett, m. Maria A., dau. of Dea. Edward Lum of Waterbury, June 24, 1875. He is engaged as partner with his father as furniture dealer and undertaker. Ch.:
40. Frederick Lum.
41. Edith Durand.

BENNETT, SECOND FAMILY.

41. **BENNETT, Edward**, b. Feb. 7, 1742; m. Rhoda, dau. of Capt. Joseph Canfield, Jan. 19, 1769. He was a carpenter, and settled in the N. M. Neck on land given him and his wife by his father-in-law. He d. May 3, 1803, æ. 61. She d. Nov. 8, 1829, æ. 82.

42. Laranja, b. Oct. 29, 1769; m. Joseph Peck; had Joseph, Madison, Bennitt. She d. Sept. 24, 1817.
 43. Polly, b. June 6, 1771; m. Jeremiah Canfield.
 44. Truman, b. Apr. 12, 1773.
 45. Elijah, b. May 26, 1776.
 46. Joseph, b. Oct. 3, 1778.
 47. Eunice, b. Jan. 3, 1783; m. Uriah Sanford.
 48. Canfield, b. Aug. 12, 1784; d. June 23, 1810.
 49. Noble, b. Aug. 24, 1786; d. Dec. 3, 1793, by the falling of a tree.

44. Truman, son of Edward and Rhoda Bennitt, m. Dec. 26, 1804, Dinah L., dau. of David Penderson; residence in Bridgewater. He d. July 14, 1853, æ. 80.
 50. William P., b. Feb. 27, 1826; m. Louise H. Booth.
 50½. Sarah Maria, b. June 1, 1808; d. Apr. 6, 1868.
 51. Canfield P., b. May 20, 1816.

45. Elijah, son of Edward and Rhoda Bennitt, m. Sarah, dau. of Benoni Stebbins Sanford, July 19, 1812. From 1812 to 1819 he was partner with Elijah Boardman in mercantile business in N. M. village. From 1819 to 1842 he conducted the mercantile business on Bennitt Street, where he resided. He is said to have had a great memory, and at the age of 86 years had never used spectacles, could read the finest print. He d. July 12, 1862, æ. 86.

52. Noble Sanford, b. Mar. 31, 1813.
 53. Stanley Griswold, b. Apr. 24, 1815.
 54. George Stebbins, b. Jan. 22, 1818; d. Aug. 25, 1819.

46. Joseph, son of Edward and Rhoda Bennitt, m. Polly, dau. of Richard Clark of Milford, June 26, 1820. She d. Sept. 15, 1827. He m. 2d, Elizabeth, dau. of Jair Morehouse, May 4, 1828. He removed to Lebanon, Pa., in 1836, where he d. Mar. 27, 1853, æ. 74. She d. Dec. 17, 1875, æ. 64.

55. George Clark, b. May 5, 1824.
 56. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 29, 1825.
 57. Charles I., b. May 23, 1830.
 58. Daniel Minot, b. Nov. 7, 1831; d. Oct. 10, 1853.
 59. Emily Elizabeth, b. Oct. 18, 1834; d. Sept. 2, 1853.
 60. Phebe Jane, b. Feb. 25, 1844; m. Ezra Yale in 1870, and d. Jan. 18, 1875.

51. Canfield P., son of Truman and Dinah L. Bennitt, m. Emily, dau. of Fairchild Booth, Sept. 1, 1844. He was engaged as a merchant some years on Bennitt Street, and d. Mar. 12, 1861, æ. 44.

61. Ellen Frances, m. Sept. 7, 1865, Edwin N. Hunt; had Gracie Ellen; Harry Bennitt.
 62. Amelia, m. Jan. 1, 1880, Henry E. Acker of Bridgeport.

52. Noble S., son of Elijah and Sarah Bennitt, m. Sarah Maria, dau. of Salmon Morehouse, Sept. 15, 1841. He was a merchant on Bennitt Street, doing an extensive business for more than 20 years. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church many years; was selectman and town clerk a number of years. He d. Jan. 28, 1875, æ. 61.

63. Sarah Maria, b. Sep. 4, 1842; d. July 26, 1848.
 64. Henry Edward, b. Jan. 3, 1846.
 65. George Stephen, b. Aug. 29, 1849.
 66. Salmon Morehouse, b. Mar. 29, 1852; d. Sep. 17, 1866.

53. Stanley G., son of Elijah and Sarah Bennitt, m. Clarissa, dau. of Salmon Morehouse, Jan. 1, 1840. She d. Dec. 28, 1845. He d. Apr. 30, 1872, æ. 32.

67. Elijah Salmon, b. Nov. 6, 1840; d. Aug. 12, 1864.
 68. Noble.
 69. Mary, m. Apr. 7, 1869, Heber Knibloe of Sharon; Hattie C., Mary, Harry E., Noble A.

55. Dea. George C., son of Joseph and Polly Bennitt, m. Almira I., dau. of Henry Sullivan, Feb. 6, 1855. He resides in Bridgewater.

70. Ida Jane.
 71. Annie Amelia.

64. Henry E., son of Noble S. and Sarah M. Bennitt, m. Sophia J., dau. of Andrew Noble, July 1, 1862. He d. Sept. 17, 1866, æ. 20, having lost his life with his brother Salmon and two other persons by the explosion of a steam boiler. She m. 2d, Charles W. Roraback.

72. Andrew Noble, d. æ. 2.
 73. Alice Augusta.

65. Rev. George S., son of Noble S. and Sarah M. Bennitt, m. Thomasetta, dau. of Anthony Butler of Westfield, Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1871. (See Biog.)

74. Frederick Henry.

77. Edward Noble.

75. Lulu, } b. Nov. 18, 1874; { d. Apr. 18, 1875.
76. Grace, } d. Nov. 13, 1880.

76. George Elijah.

68. Noble, son of Stanley G. and Clarissa Bennitt, m. Martha, dau. of Mr. Henry Booth, May 15, 1867. He is a successful merchant on Bennitt Street, on the old Bennitt homestead.

79. Howard, b. Nov. 20, 1876; d. Nov. 22, 1876.

BENNETT, THIRD FAMILY.

BENNETT, Benjamin, came from Stratfield to N. M. in December, 1737, and he and his brother William bought land here and located it at the Straits, and the February following Benjamin had land laid to him on "Dry Brook southward from Straits Mountain," and in 1744 his brother William sold to him his interest in the land "lying at Straits Mountain, so running up by the foot of the mountain where it comes to the straits between the mountain and the river." Benjamin Bennet m. Abiah Noble, Dec. 4, 1740. He removed to N. Fairfield, where his wife d. in 1757; and he m. 2d Mrs. Mary, widow of Daniel Noble of N. Fairfield. Ch.:

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| 1. Abigail, b. Mar. 26, 1742; m. Hon. David Noble of Williamstown, Mass. | 5. Ruth; m. Wm. Fowler; removed to Granville, N. Y. |
| 2. Martha, b. Oct. 26, 1743; m. Ebenezer Beardsley of N. H. | 6. Benjamin, b. 1753; m. — Brownell; removed to Buttermuts, N. Y. |
| 3. Abiah, b. Oct. 25, 1745; m. John Day; d. at Williamstown, Mass., in 1809. | 7. John Noble; removed to Vt. By 2d wife. |
| 4. Sarah; m. Doct. Towner of New Fairfield. | 8. Mary Noble. |
| | 9. Daniel Noble. |

BENEDICT, Gideon, m. Dorothy Prindle. Had Ch.:

1. Elijah, b. Sept. 20, 1738.

Benedict, Pitman, m. Mary Bostwick, Dec. 6, 1749.

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| 1. Sophia, b. Mar. 21, 1750. | 5. Benajah, b. Feb. 26, 1758. |
| 2. Abel, b. Jan. 24, 1752. | 6. Phebe, b. Apr. 24, 1760. |
| 3. Johannah, b. Feb. 25, 1754. | 7. Chloe, b. Oct. 10, 1762. |
| 4. Ichabod, b. Jan. 15, 1756. | 8. Daughter, b. Jan. 26, 1764; d. |

Benedict, Joseph, m. Mary —. He died July 4, 1761.

1. Ezra, d. May 15, 1758.

Benedict, John, m. Elizabeth Smith of Derby, Nov. 19, 1760. She died Jan.

11, 1763.

1. Elizabeth, d. Jan. 11, 1763.

BENSON, Benjamin, had the births of the following children recorded:

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| 1. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1756. | 5. Rebecca, b. July 14, 1764. |
| 2. Beneremys, b. May 11, 1758. | 6. Ambrose, b. Dec. 14, 1766. |
| 3. John, b. Nov. 11, 1759. | 7. Bryant, b. Jan. 24, 1769. |
| 4. Lydia, b. Jan. 8, 1761. | |

1. BETTS, William.

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| 2. Azor, bapt. Sept. 22, 1765. | 5. Judith, bapt. Oct. 17, 1776. |
| 3. Nathan, bapt. Feb. 17, 1768. | Hepsibah, bapt. Jan. 17, 1773. |
| 4. Hezekiah, bapt. Jan. 17, 1773. | Judith, bapt. Oct. 17, 1776. |

3. Nathan, son of William Betts, m. Sally Treat, Nov. 20, 1794.

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| 6. Laurenia, b. Aug. 26, 1795. | 8. Betsey, b. July 13, 1799. |
| 7. Elvira, b. Aug. 27, 1797. | |

BLACKMAN, James, of Newtown, m. Esther Hitchcock, Dec. 22, 1756.

Blackman, Sheldon, son of Col. Reuben Blackman of Newtown, came to New Milford in 1840, and established a jeweler's store in Bank street. He m. Julia, dau. of Ezra Noble. Ch.:

1. James M.; a jeweler in N. M.
2. Willie; d. aged 4 years.
3. Emily.

Blackman, Ebenezer.

Lucinda, bapt. Nov. 28, 1761.

1. BLAKESLEY, Jonathan.

2. Permelia, bapt. May, 1768.
3. Ezra, bapt. Apr. 13, 1769.
4. Wolcott, bapt. June 3, 1764.

BISHOP, David, and wife Sarah.

1. Jonathan Austin, b. May 25, 1764.
2. Lydia, b. May 6, 1766.

BLINN, Col. Charles D., m. Harriet C., dau. of Russell C. Pratt, Sept. 23, 1868, and settled in New Milford as a merchant (see page 515). He was in the War of the Rebellion, and in the following battles: Georgia Landing, Irish Bend, Port Hudson, Donaldsonville, Cane River Ferry, and Cedar Creek.

1. Bessie; died Jan. 21, 1874.
2. Charles P.
3. Minnie S.

BOARDMAN, Samuel, came from England, probably from the County of Devon or Somerset, to Ipswich, Mass., as early as 1637; married his wife, possibly, in England, but probably in Ipswich, and was in Wethersfield, Conn., as early as 1641, with his wife Mary; where the name is spelled Borman, Boreman, and Bordman.

Samuel Boardman was Deputy from Wethersfield to the General Court seven sessions, at least, and filled other important offices. The name was spelled Borman, and Boreman, until about 1712, when the letter d was added, and some years later the letter a was added. The Rev. Daniel always spelled his name with but one a, as Bordman. Mr. Samuel Borman died in April or May, 1673. Mary, his widow, died in 1684. Ch.:

1. Isaac, b. Feb. 3, 1642.
2. Mary, b. Feb. 14, 1644.
3. Samuel, b. Oct. 8, 1648.
4. Joseph, b. Mar. 12, 1650.
5. John, b. Jan., 1653; d. 1676.
6. Sarah, b. Mar. 4, 1655.
7. Daniel, b. Aug. 4, 1658.
8. Jonathan, b. Feb. 4, 1660.
9. Nathaniel, b. Apr. 12, 1663.
10. Martha, b. Aug. 12, 1666.

7. Daniel, son of Samuel and Mary Boardman, m. Hannah Wright, June 8, 1683. He d. in 1724, aged 67 years. Hannah, his widow, m. — Treat, and died Feb. 25, 1746, aged 83. He was a land-holder in New Milford and Litchfield.

11. Richard, b. Sept. 1, 1684.
12. Daniel, b. July 12, 1687; first minister in N. M.
13. Mabel, b. May 30, 1689; m. 1st John Griswold, who set up the first grist-mill in New Milford.
14. John, b. Nov. 18, 1791.
15. Martha, b. Dec. 19, 1795.
16. Israel, b. Oct. 6, 1797.
17. Timothy, b. July 5, 1699.
18. Timothy, b. July 20, 1700.
19. Joshua, b. Nov. 18, 1702.
20. Benjamin, b. Mar. 10, 1705.
21. Charles, b. June 13, 1707.

12. Daniel, 2d, son of Daniel and Hannah Boardman, was graduated at Yale College in 1709, and was ordained the first pastor of the "Church of Christ" in New Milford, Nov. 21, 1716, where he died Aug. 25, 1744, aged 57. (See Biog.) He m. 1st Hannah Wheeler of Milford, Feb. 20, 1717, who died June 20, 1719. He m. 2d Mrs. Jerusha Seelye ("Ceilie") of Stratfield, Nov. 1, 1720. His second wife

was the daughter of David Sherman of Pequonneck parish, Stratford, and died Aug. 30, 1777, in her 85th year. Ch.:

By first marriage.

22. Hannah, b. Jan. 12, 1718; m. Josiah Dason.

By second marriage.

23. Penelope, b. Dec. 26, 1721; m. Doct. Rives Carrington

24. Tamar, b. Mar. 26, 1723; m. Rev. Nathaniel Taylor.

25. Mercy, b. Feb. 9, 1726; m. Gilead Sperry.

26. Sherman, b. Aug. 2, 1728.

27. Jerusha, b. May 4, 1731; m. the Rev. Daniel

Farrand, Oct. 20, 1735, pastor of the south parish of Canaan, Conn., where he died May 28, 1803, and his widow died Aug. 26, 1806, m. 75. Their children were: Nancy; Pamela; Daniel, grad. at Yale College, and became a distinguished judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont; Philo; Esther, is still remembered as a dressmaker in New Milford village, with her sister Urania; Lucia; David Sherman; Nathaniel.

28. **Sherman**, son of Rev. Daniel and Jerusha Boardman, m. "Sarai," dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, Dec. 3, 1755. She died Oct. 17, 1818, m. 88. He died July 19, 1814, aged 86. (See page 275.) Ch.:

28. Daniel, b. Mar. 4, 1757.+

29. David, b. Oct. 3, 1758; d. Nov. 11, 1766.

30. Elijah, b. Mar. 7, 1760.+

31. Esther, b. Jan. 29, 1762; m. Jonathan Burrall of Canaan.

32. Homer, b. Oct. 10, 1764.

33. Orinda, b. July 22, 1767; d. Sept. 13, 1777.

34. David Sherman, b. Dec. 8, 1768.+

29. **Maj. Daniel**, son of Sherman and Sarah Boardman, m. Hetty More of New York city, Sept. 8, 1797. He was graduated at Yale College; was a merchant in New Milford and in New York city. He died Nov. 3, 1833, aged 76. (See Biog.)

35. Julia, b. July, 1801.

36. Edward Daniel; d. young.

37. Frederick Wm. H., b. Aug., 1804; was a lawyer in New York city.

38. Sarah Adeline, { twins; } m. in N. York city.

39. Harriet Augusta, { twins; } m. in N. York city.

40. John Francis, b. July, 1812; became a physician; d. at Rome, Italy, Nov. 20, 1847, unm.

30. **Hon. Elijah**, son of Sherman and Sarah Boardman, m. Mary Ann, dau. of Doct. Wm. Whiting of Great Barrington, Mass., Sept. 25, 1792. He died Aug. 18, 1823. (See page 280 and Biog.) His widow, Mary Ann, died June 24, 1848, aged 80.

41. William Whiting, b. Oct. 10, 1794; m.; no ch. (See Biog.)

42. Henry Mason, b. Jan. 4, 1797.

43. George Sherman, b. Oct. 17, 1799; d. Jan. 18, 1825, m. 25.

44. Caroline Maria, b. June 29, 1802; m. Rev. John F. Schroeder, D.D., of New York city.

45. Cornelia Elizabeth, b. Aug. 4, 1808; d. May 14, 1880, unm., aged 71 years. (See Biog.)

32. **Hon. Homer**, son of Sherman and Sarah Boardman, m. "Amaryllis," dau. of Capt. Elizur Warner, Nov. 14, 1787. She died Sept. 26, 1839, aged 75 years. He died May 27, 1851, aged 86. (See page 281.)

46. Charles Adolphus, b. Nov. 19, 1788;+

47. Esther Orinda, b. Jan. 9, 1792; m. Doct. Federal Vanderburgh; had Mary, who m. John B. James of Albany, and died in New York city, leaving a son and a daughter; Charlotte, m. Robert McKim of Baltimore, had a son and three daughters; Charles, died in infancy; and Laura B., d. at 4 years of age.

48. Harriet Maria, b. Jan. 1, 1795; m. Doct. Wm. H. Taylor.

49. Sarah, b. Jan. 5, 1798; d. Jan. 13, 1798.

50. Oliver Warner, b. Sept. 14, 1799; d. Oct. 30, 1815.

51. Daniel Homer, b. May 21, 1803; was educated as a physician, and died at New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1834.

52. Laura Amarillis, b. Mar. 27, 1806; m. Rev. Aaron Daniel Lane of Waterloo, N. Y.; had a son and two daughters.

34. **Judge David S.**, son of Sherman and Sarah Boardman, was graduated at Yale College in 1793; m. Charlotte, dau. of Nathaniel Taylor, May 18, 1806. She died July 22, 1846, m. 64 years. He died Dec. 2, 1864, m. 96, wanting 6 days. (See Biog.)

53. John Taylor, b. Apr. 17, 1807; m. and died in Wisconsin, July 6, 1849.
 54. Catharine Ann, b. Dec. 12, 1808; d. Oct. 29, 1811.
 55. George William, b. Feb. 26, 1811; d. Sept. 23, 1815.
 56. Augustus, b. Apr. 19, 1814; d. Oct. 31, 1815.
 57. Frederick, b. July 20, 1817.
 58. Mary Cornelia.

42. Henry M., son of Elijah and Mary Ann Boardman, m. Sarah Hall, dau. of Rev. Benjamin Benham, Dec. 13, 1818; and the next year, in accordance with the wishes of his father, he removed to the town of Boardman, Ohio, then a new country, where he spent a useful life. He died Dec. 17, 1846.

59. Frederick Alexander, b. Sept. 1, 1820.
 60. Elijah George, b. July 30, 1829; d. Mry, 1853.
 61. William Jarvis, b. Apr. 15, 1832; resides in Cleveland, O.
 62. Henry Whiting, b. Feb. 7, 1837; resides in Cleveland, O.

46. Rev. Charles A., son of Homer and Amarillis Boardman, m. Sophia Hine; settled in Ohio as a merchant; returned to Connecticut, studied for the ministry, and was settled pastor in New Preston, then in New Haven, and in Ohio. (See list of Ministers.)

63. Homer; d. unm.
 64. Sarah; m. George H. King.
 65. Orinda; m. J. Baxter McEwen.
 66. Laura V.; m. Doct. Armstrong.

59. Frederick A., son of Henry M. and Sarah H. Boardman, m. Mary Anna, dau. of Doct. Jehiel Williams of N. M. They reside in Boardman, Ohio.

67. Henry Mason; m., and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

57. Frederick, son of David S. and Charlotte H. Boardman, m. Harriet, dau. of Col. Samuel Canfield, Sept. 17, 1845; was a druggist in New Milford.

68. Helen Maria.
 69. Kate.

"BOBIT," Elkanah, m. Obedience Prindle, Jan. 20, 1736-7. Ch. Rec. in N. M. He purchased land in Still River Neck in 1736.

1. Elkanah, b. Dec. 5, 1737.
 2. Eleanor, b. Dec. 5, 1738.
 3. David, b. Aug. 6, 1739.
 4. Mary, b. Apr. 15, 1741.
 5. Lois, b. Mar. 30, 1743.
 6. Warren, b. May 1, 1745.
 7. Annis, b. Mar. 28, 1747.
 8. Daniel, b. Apr. 28, 1749.
 9. Elizabeth, bapt. July 16, 1751.

1. BOOTH, Richard, of Stratford, ancestor of the name in Connecticut, was born in 1607, in England.

2. Elizabeth, b. Sept., 1641; m. John Minor; settled in Woodbury, and her dau. m. Wm. Gaylord of N. M.
 3. Anne, b. Feb., 1643.
 4. Ephraim, b. Aug., 1648.
 5. Ebenezer, b. Nov., 1651.
 6. John, b. Nov., 1653.
 7. Joseph, b. Mar., 1656.
 8. Bethia, b. Aug., 1658.
 9. Johannah, b. Mar., 1661.

7. Joseph, son of Richard and Elizabeth Booth, m. 1st, Mary, dau. of John Wells; m. 2d, Hannah, dau. of John Wilcoxson, about 1685. She d. in 1701. He m. 3d, Elizabeth —, in 1702. He lived in Stratford, was a large land-holder, and d. Sept. 3, 1703.

Children by Second Wife.

10. Hannah, b. 1686.
 11. James, b. 1688.
 12. Robert, b. about 1690.
 13. Joseph, b. about 1692.
 14. Zechariah, b. about 1694.
 15. Nathan, b. about 1696.
 16. David, b. about 1698.

16. David, son of Joseph and Hannah Booth, m. 1st, Mrs. Anne Mills of Windsor, in June, 1727. She d., probably, soon after the birth of her son Reuben. He m. 2d, Mary —, and settled in Roxbury in 1743. He resided in Trumbull for a time, where his son Reuben was baptized, but afterwards removed to Roxbury, where he d. Apr. 12, 1753.

17. Joanna, b. Oct., 1728.
 18. Anne, b. Mar., 1730 or 1731.
 19. David, b. May, 1736.
 20. Reuben, bapt. June 22, 1739; settled in N. M.
By Second Wife:
 21. Mary, b. Sep., 1742, in Trumbull.
22. Rebecca, b. 1744; bapt. in Roxbury.
 23. Eunice, b. 1746.
 24. Mehetable, b. 1748.
 25. Joseph, b. 1750.
 26. Sarah, b. 1752; m. Doct. Asariah Eastman; descendants still living in Roxbury.

20. Reuben, son of David and Anne Booth, came from Trumbull to New Milford in 1760; his first purchase of land here being Mar. 3, 1760. He m. Sarah, dau. of Daniel Hine, Aug. 25, 1763. His first dwelling house he built where Mr. Walter Booth now resides, a little east of Mr. Henry W. Booth's residence. He was one of the most energetic, enterprising business men in the town. (See page 274.)

27. Aurelia, b. Aug. 11, 1766; m. 1st, Doct. Chauncy Lowry; and 2d, Daniel Waring.
 28. Reuben Mills, b. Feb. 1, 1769.†
 29. Gerardus, b. June 30, 1772.†
 30. Daniel, b. Mar. 17, 1776; d. with small-pox, June 24, 1778.
31. Sarah, b. July 7, 1779; m. — Bance; had Charlotte E., who m. Rodman N. Stone, Sep. 22, 1802.
 32. Walter, b. Apr. 8, 1784.†
 33. Carr, b. Sep. 2, 1788; d. July 8, 1797.

28. Reuben Mills, son of Reuben and Sarah Booth, m. Anna Northrop.

24. Maria, b. Oct. 4, 1789; m. Abel Hine.
29. Gerardus, son of Reuben and Sarah Booth, m. Sarah Clark, dau. of Wm. & Maria Clark.
 26. William, b. Dec. 17, 1798; a merchant retired from business and residing in New Haven; has spent several years in traveling in Europe; not m.
35. Charles M., b. Oct. 25, 1792.†
 37. Julia, b. Aug. 29, 1802; m. Andrew Comstock, a hatter; residence in Westport and New York city; had John and Mary W. Jefferson, c. 1828.

32. Walter, son of Reuben and Sarah Booth, m. Betsey A., dau. of Ithamer Canfield, May 10, 1812. His residence was his father's homestead, where his son Henry W. now resides, he, the father, having built the present brick dwelling-house.

28. Adaline, b. Sep. 14, 1813; m. Solomon E. Bostwick.
 29. George Samuel, b. Apr. 28, 1816; d. Aug. 18, 1841; not m.
40. Henry Walter, b. Oct. 25, 1818.†
 41. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1821; m. Forbe Dunderdale.

35. Charles M., son of Reuben M. and Anna Booth, m. Betsey Oviatt, Jan. 5, 1819, and d. Feb. 18, 1826. Ch.:

42. George, b. Apr. 27, 1824.
40. Henry W., son of Walter and Betsey A. Booth, m. Mary E., dau. of Eli Mygatt, Oct. 6, 1846. He resides on the old homestead of his grandfather, in the southern part of New Milford village.
43. Charles M., b. Nov. 27, 1825.

44. Martha, m. Noble Bennett.
 45. Isabell, d. at the age of 22 years.
 46. Walter.†
 47. Reuben; a merchant in N. M.
48. Andrew; a clerk in his brother's store.
 49. Ruth Taylor.
 50. Bessie Canfield, m. Frederick S. Leonard, Mar. 22, 1882, a clothing merchant.

43. Charles M., son of Charles M. and Anna Booth, m. Helen M. Bronson, May 16, 1847. He was Captain in the late war, and resides in New Milford village. Ch.:

51. Mary E., b. June 3, 1848; m. 1st, Nov. 9, 1870, B. L. Northrop; and m. 2d, Oct. 17, 1877, B. F. Ferriss.
 52. Charles M., b. Oct. 26, 1850; d. Feb. 9, 1875.
 53. William C., b. Oct. 4, 1853; m. Aug. 10, 1878, Ellen Dodee.
54. Helen M., b. Oct. 17, 1857.
 55. Henry S., b. May 9, 1861.
 56. Howard F., b. May 30, 1866; d. Feb. 27, 1867.
 57. Florence E., b. June 16, 1870; d. Dec. 25, 1871.
 58. Sarah J., b. Aug. 6, 1875.

46. Walter, son of Henry W. and Mary E. Booth, m. Thalia Cromer.

59. Walter.
 60. Dudley.
61. Bessie.

BOSTWICK, Arthur, came from Cheshire, county of Chester, England, with his son John, and was an early settler in Stratford before the year 1650. Whether he had a wife, or that she died soon after his arrival, is not known, but in 1659 he had a second wife, Ellen, who petitioned the General Court in regard to her husband's lands, and by the order of the Court their united property was divided equally between them in 1660, and in the same year Arthur gave the most, if not all, of his estate to his son John, by contract, in which John agrees to support his father and "find him a horse when he wished to ride forth." John was nominated for freeman in 1668. Arthur and John were both in the list of freeman in Stratford in 1669. Ch.:

2. John, b. about 1647, in England.

2. John, son of Arthur Bostwick, m. Mary, dau. of John "Brinsmead," and lived at Stratford, where he died, leaving a good estate. Ch.:

14. John, b. May, 1667.

17. Mary, b. Feb. 14, 1675.

15. Zachariah, b. July 24, 1669.

18. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1677.

16. Joseph, b. May 11, 1672.

19. Jane, b. Apr. 13, 1680.

14. John, 2d, son of John, sen., and Mary Bostwick, m. Abigail —; resided in Stratford until 1708, when he settled in New Milford. His son Daniel, tradition says, was born in New Milford, and was the first white male child born here. He m. for 2d wife, Jemima, dau. of Jeremiah Canfield. The date of his death and that of his wife is unknown. (See page 27.) He made a deed of land to his son Robert, Apr. 1, 1747, when he was 80 years of age. Ch.:

20. John, b. in 1689.

26. Sarah, b. in 1706; m. William Warriner, Nov. 5, 1724.

21. Robert, b. about 1691.

27. Daniel, b. in 1708, in New Milford.

22. Ebenezer, b. about 1693.

23. Joseph, b. about 1695.

28. Mary, b. Feb., 1715; m. Zerubbabel Canfield, July 26, 1734.

24. Nathaniel, b. in 1699.

29. Hannah (?), b. in 1716; m. Benjamin Benedict of Ridgefield, Jan. 18, 1732.

25. Lemuel, b. in 1704.

20. Major John, son of John and Abigail Bostwick, came to New Milford with his father's family, and m. Mercy, dau. of Francis Bushnell of Danbury, Jan. 3, 1712. He became a very prominent citizen, and so continued until his death, June 17, 1741, æ. 52 years. Ch.:

30. Bushnell, b. Nov. 16, 1712.

33. David, b. Jan. 8, 1721.

31. John, b. Mar. 24, 1715.

34. Samuel, b. Aug. 3, 1723.

32. Benajah, b. Feb. 8, 1718.

21. Robert, son of John and Abigail Bostwick, m. Rachel Holmes of Bedford, Westchester Co., N. Y., Jan. 9, 1721, where he lived and died, 80 years of age. He had seven sons; the first two dying young. The other children:

35. Stephen.

38. John.

36. Samuel.

39. James.

37. Robert, b. 1752; d. 1828.

22. Ebenezer, son of John and Abigail Bostwick, m. Rebecca, dau. of Benjamin Bunnell of New Milford, April 11, 1717. After some years he settled in that part of N. M. which is now Brookfield. He and his wife were dismissed from the church in N. M., and recommended to Danbury church in 1727. Ch.:

40. Ebenezer, b. 1718.†

43. Edmund, b. Sep. 15, 1732.†

41. Robert, b. Mar. 14, 1719.†

44. Isaac.

42. Gershom.†

23. Capt. Joseph, son of John Bostwick 1st, did not come with his father's family to N. M., for he was of Stratford, April 6, 1721, when he bought his first land in N. M. He soon after settled here, and in 1724 his father gave him a part of his

home-lot with a new house. He m. Rebecca Wheeler of Stratford, July 23, 1724, and soon after settled in that part of N. M. called Merryall, being a farmer. He d. Sep. 27, 1756. Ch.:

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| 45. Parnell, b. Mar. 16, 1726; m. Ebenezer Pick-
ett, May 8, 1748. | 48. Abel, b. Jan. 15, 1724. |
| 46. Joseph, b. Aug. 19, 1728. | 49. Ichabod, b. Sep. 1, 1737; d. Aug. 16, 1755; unm. |
| 47. Mercy, b. June 12, 1731. | 50. Rebecca, b. Sep. 1, 1741. |

24. Capt. Nathaniel, son of John Bostwick 1st, m. Esther, dau. of Samuel Hitchcock of N. M., Oct. 7, 1727. She d. Dec. 13, 1747. He m. 2d, Mrs. Jerusha, widow of Capt. Theophilus Baldwin. Ch.:

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| 51. Arthur, b. June 28, 1729. | 56. Abigail, b. July 20, 1737; d. Aug. 9, 1758. |
| 52. Sarel, ^a b. Aug. 28, 1730; m. Sherman Board-
man. | 57. Elijah, b. June 8, 1840; d. unm. |
| 53. Lois, b. Mar. 16, 1732; was betrothed to
the Rev. Solomon Palmer, an Episcopal
minister, but d. unm., Oct. 24, 1757. | 58. Gideon, b. Sep. 21, 1742. |
| 54. Reuben, b. Sep. 2, 1734. | 59. Eunice, b. Aug. 21, 1744; m. Ezra D. Noble. |
| 55. Zadoc, b. Feb. 18, 1735-6. | 60. Tamar, b. May 31, 1746; m. Daniel Bostwick. |
| | 61. Ichabod, b. Dec. 13, 1747. + |

By 2d wife.

62. Johannah, m. Elnathan Noble.

25. Lemuel, son of John and Abigail Bostwick, m. Anna Jackson of Stratford, Sep. 5, 1729, who was b. in 1708, and removed to Hinesborough, Vt., with her son Isaac, where she d. June 30, 1800, æ. 92. He is said to have resided near but north of the Great Falls in N. M., and was a man of unblamable, upright character, and a fine, commanding person. He afterwards settled in Lower Merryall, where some of his descendants still reside. He was a chorister in the Cong. church many years. He d. in 1791, æ. 87. Ch.:

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| 63. Isaac, b. Sep. 30, 1730. | 65. Anna. |
| 64. Eunice, b. Jan. 23, 1733-4. | |

27. Daniel, son of John and Abigail Bostwick, was the first son of white parents born in N. M. He m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel Hitchcock, Dec. 14, 1736. He kept a tavern many years in the village of New Milford, and d. Dec. 23, 1782, æ. 74 years. His widow Hannah d. July 31, 1792, æ. 73 years. Ch.:

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| 66. Daniel, b. Aug. 22, 1737. | 68. Amos. |
| 67. Esther, b. Sep. 17, 1749; m. Benjamin Bost-
wick. | 69. Annis; m. Wm. Clark.
Ch: Walker, Sarah, Wm., Gerardus, Dani |

30. Col. Bushnell, son of John and Mercy (Bushnell) Bostwick, m. Miriam Skeeles of Woodbury, Jan. 25, 1736-7. She d. Apr. 10, 1783. He d. Jan. 31, 1793, æ. 81. He settled on Second Hill; was a man of great usefulness; filled many important public stations,—Judge of the Court, Justice of the Quorum, and Representative, as well as town offices and military positions. He was a member of the Legislature thirty-one sessions, and was a Deacon of the Cong. church from 1855 to his death.

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| 70. Daniel, } twins, b. { d. Apr. 10, 1738. | 74. Mabel, b. Aug. 4, 1744; m. Doct. Jonathan
Downs of N. M. |
| 71. Jonathan, } Mar. 27, 1738; { + | 75. Israel, } twins, b. { + |
| 72. Israel, b. Aug. 9, 1740; d. Jan. 16, 1745-6. | 76. Mercy, } Aug. 7, 1749; { m. Elisur Bostwick. |
| 73. Shadrach, b. Sep. 25, 1742; d. unm. | |

31. John, son of John 2d and Mercy (Bushnell) Bostwick, m. Jemima Canfield, Jan. 18, 1732-3. (?) She d. Oct. 11, 1795, in her 89th year. He d. Dec. 17, 1806, in his 93d year. He resided in the north part of the town, and was a Deacon of the Church many years. Ch.:

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| 77. Jesse, b. Apr. 15, 1733. | 80. John, b. Sep. 1, 1741. |
| 78. Edward, b. Dec. 9, 1735. | 81. Gilbert, b. May 26, 1744. |
| 79. Matthew, b. Aug. 26, 1737. | 82. Nathan, b. Nov. 16, 1746. |

^a Town Records.

32. Benaiah, son of John 2d and Mercy (Bushnell) Bostwick, m. Hannah Fisk, Feb. 2, 1742. He d. Oct. 23, 1776, in his 59th year.

83. David, b. Aug. 3, 1742.

84. John.

33. Rev. David, son of John 2d and Mercy (Bushnell) Bostwick, m. Mary Hinman, July 30, 1739. He was first settled as pastor at Jamaica, L. I., and afterwards transferred, in 1756, to the Wall street Presbyterian Church of New York city, where he d. in the pastoral office Nov. 12, 1763, being a man of exalted reputation in his profession. Ch.: (See Biog.)

85. Andrew, was a Col. in the Revolution.

86. David, m.

87. William, was m. twice; resided in N. J.

88. James.

89. Mercy, not m.

90. Polly, m. General Robertson of Philadelphia.

91. Hannah, m. General McDougal.

92. Amelia, m. — Plumb.

93. Lucretia, not m.

94. Nancy, m. Capt. McGee of the Continental army.

34. Samuel, son of John 2d and Mercy (Bushnell) Bostwick, m. Anna Fisk, Mar. 28, 1748. She d. Sep. 21, 1783, in her 79th year. He d. Sep. 23, 1789, æ. 66 years. Judge D. S. Boardman wrote of him: "He was a man of genius." He was town clerk several years; built the house now standing and owned by Mr. John R. Bostwick; owned several slaves and considerable land.

95. Elisha, b. Dec. 17, 1748.†

97. Samuel, b. Jan. 19, 1755.†

96. Jared, b. Aug. 9, 1751; d. Aug. 30, 1778, at Norwich; unm.; a fine scholar.

40. Ebenezer, 2d, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Bunnell) Bostwick, m. Ch.:

98. Ezra.

99. Oliver, was a remarkable person, having a commanding personal appearance, great physical strength, and possessing gentle

and agreeable manners, great courage and intrepidity. He was a Lieutenant in the army of the Revolution, and d. unm.

100. Martin.

41. Robert, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Bunnell) Bostwick, called Robert of Brookfield, m. Sarah Stevens of Danbury; lived in what is now Brookfield. Ch.:

101. Robert, was a soldier in the French war; returned home sick with the small-pox, and

104. Eben, d. of small-pox, Jan. 18, 1760.

105. Sarah, b. June 18, 1760; d. Dec. 5, 1784.

106. Benjamin.

102. Rachel, d. of small-pox, Feb. 21, 1760.

107. Rebecca.

103. Elizabeth, d. of small-pox, Jan. 30, 1760.

108. Sarah.

42. Gershom, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Bunnell) Bostwick; had three children:

109. Annis, m. Levi Clark.

111. John, who had Shadrach, John, David, Mercy, Patience.

110. Levi, who had Gershom, Sylvester, Rufus, Joseph.

43. Edmund, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Bunnell) Bostwick, m. Mercy Ruggles, Sep. 3, 1754. She d. June 21, 1822, æ. 90 years. He resided in Brookfield until 1788 when he, with his family, removed to Hinesburgh, Vt., and afterwards thence to Elizabethtown, N. Y.

112. Ebenezer, b. June 22, 1755.

119. Ashbel, b. Aug. 12, 1766; d. June 20, 1767.

113. Elezur, b. Jan. 13, 1757.

120. Izbon, b. Mar. 19, 1768.

114. Salmon, b. May 7, 1758.

121. Mercy, b. Mar. 11, 1770; d. Sep. 26, 1777.

115. Medad, b. Jan. 14, 1760.

122. Lucy, b. Mar. 5, 1772; m. William Prindle, Feb., 1792.

116. Gershom, b. July 4, 1761.

123. Robert, b. Mar. 15, 1774.

117. Edmund, b. Feb. 5, 1763; d. young.

124. Hermon, b. Apr. 15, 1777.

118. Doctor, b. Oct. 6, 1764.

46. Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Rebecca (Wheeler) Bostwick, m. Betty —, Feb. 7, 1750-1, in Ripton. He m. 2d Mary Roberts, Dec. 21, 1760.

125. David, b. Apr. 24, 1732; m. Hannah Hill, Apr. 5, 1770.
 126. Zacharias, b. Nov. 18, 1761.
 127. Joseph, } b. Feb. 24, 1764; } d. Apr. 16, 1764.
 128. Benjamin, }
129. Noble, b. July 18, 1769.
 130. Andrew, b. Feb. 14, 1771.
 131. Joseph Morton, b. Feb. 3, 1773.

48. Abel, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Wheeler) Bostwick, m. Sarah Hitchcock, Jan. 28, 1756. He died Sept. 8, 1797, in his 64th year. He lived in Merryall, and his sons after him.

132. Ichabod, b. Sept. 1, 1756.
 133. Joseph, b. Nov. 29, 1757; d. Nov. 15, 1776.
 134. Anne, b. Oct. 24, 1762.
135. Esther, b. May 6, 1765.
 136. Joseph, b.

51. Arthur, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Esther (Hitchcock) Bostwick, m. Eunice Warner, July 1, 1752. In 1792 he removed to Manchester, Vt., and afterwards to Jericho, Vt. Ch.:

137. Esther, b. Dec. 3, 1754; m. Nathaniel Camp.
 138. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 7, 1757.
 139. Lois, b. Aug. 20, 1758.
 140. John Warner, b. Oct. 18, 1761.
 141. William, b. Nov. 25, 1765.
142. Elijah, b. Apr. 17, 1768; d. Apr. 19, 1768.
 143. Asenath, b. Dec. 23, 1769.
 144. Eunice, b. Nov. 6, 1772.
 145. Asel, b. Mar. 9, 1775; d. Oct. 17, 1778.

54. Capt. Reuben, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Esther (Hitchcock) Bostwick, m. Mabel Ruggles, May 27, 1761. She died June 15, 1804, aged 69, in Canton, N. Y.

146. Benjamin Ruggles, b. Sept. 5, 1762.
 147. Electa, b. Dec. 1, 1764.
 148. Lois, b. Nov. 23, 1766; d. Jan. 18, 1777.
 149. Reuben, b. Apr. 24, 1769; d. Jan. 20, 1777.
150. Ezra, b. Oct. 26, 1770; d. Jan. 18, 1777.
 151. Almon, b. July 4, 1773; d. Jan. 14, 1777.
 152. Mabel, b. Nov. 30, 1775; d. Jan. 14, 1779.
 153. Lois, b. Nov. 15, 1777.

55. Zadoc, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Esther (Hitchcock) Bostwick, m. Mary Huntington, and removed to Williamstown, Mass., in the early settlement of that town. He had several daughters, besides three sons. After the death of his son Heman he removed to the State of Pennsylvania. This is contradicted by Judge D. S. Boardman, who says he died at his brother Gideon's, at Great Barrington.

154. Major.
 155. Heman. In the Revolution he undertook a journey from Williamstown to New Milford, being entrusted with money and cattle. Tradition says he was traced to Pittsfield, Mass., where he took lodgings for the night, and was never afterwards heard from. This story was not believed by Judge D. S. Boardman.
156. Zadoc.
 157. Abigail.
 158. Anna.
 159. Tamar.
 160. Mary Huntington.

56. Elijah, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Esther (Hitchcock) Bostwick, m. Warner, and settled in Canaan, N. Y., previous to the Revolution, where he died at an advanced age. Ch.:

161. William.
 162. Levi.
 163. Elijah, b. Aug. 18, 1767.
 164. Ichabod; b.
165. Daniel; settled in Waterloo, N. Y.
 166. Sarah.
 167. Nancy; settled in N. Y. city.

58. Rev. Gideon, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Esther (Hitchcock) Bostwick, was an Episcopal minister, settled at Great Barrington, Mass. He m. Jessie Burghart. (See Biog.) Ch.:

- 165½. Adolphus F.; m. Polly, dau. of Amos Bostwick, N. M., and removed to Canada West; had ch.
 166½. Betsey Maria; d. in Canada, unm.
 167½. "Fiche," "Fittie"; m. Herman Canfield of N. M., afterwards Judge in Ohio.
 168. Jessie; d. young.
169. John; a Col. in Canada; had children.
 170. Henry; a Col. in Canada; m.
 171. Clara; resided in Canada.
 171½. Jessie; m. Benajah Ticknor, M.D., at Chelsea, Mass.
 172. Elijah; m., had children at Bloomfield, N. Y.

61. Ichabod, son of Nathaniel and Esther Bostwick, m. Lucy Warner, Feb. 27, 1771. He died Sept. 15, 1776, "in the Provincial army at Kingsbridge."

Lois Ann, b. Jan. 9, 1772.

Oliver, b. Feb. 17, 1776; d. Feb. 18, 1776.

Sally, b. Oct. 12, 1773.

63. Capt. Isaac, son of Lemuel and Anna Bostwick, m. Prudence, dau. of John Warner, Nov. 27, 1754. She died at Hinesburgh, Vt., Oct. 4, 1801. He was a Revolutionary soldier. (See page 216.)

173. Samuel, b. Aug. 27, 1755.

176. Lemuel, b. Dec. 27, 1758.

174. Reuben, b. May 21, 1757.

177. Solomon, b. Aug. 8, 1762.

175. Lemuel, b. and d. Sept. 12, 1757.

178. Prudence, b. Nov. 30, 1764.

66. Daniel, Jr., son of Daniel and Hannah (Hitchcock) Bostwick, m. his cousin Tamar, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, May 31, 1769. Their two children died young.

68. Amos, son of Daniel and Hannah Bostwick, m. 1st Sarah Grant, Dec. 2, 1766; 2d, Sally Hayes from England and sister of Doct. Thomas Hayes. Ch.:

179. Polly, b. Oct. 18, 1767; m. Adolphus Bostwick, son of Rev. Gideon, and settled in Canada West.

180. Grant, who was Dea. Bostwick of New Haven.

181. Gates.

182. A daughter, by 2d wife.

71. Jonathan, son of Col. Bushnell and Miriam Bostwick, m. Rebecca Brownson, Jan. 4, 1761. She died June 3, 1806, in her 75th year. He died Mar. 16, 1812, aged 74 years. Ch.:

183. David, b. Mar. 24, 1761.

187. Erastus, b. Aug. 31, 1767.

184. Jonathan, b. July 7, 1762; m. Abigail Trowbridge, Sept. 22, 1791.

188. Cyrus, b. Mar. 28, 1769; m. Tabby Sanford, Jan. 4, 1796.

185. Paulina, b. May 24, 1764.

189. Elizur, b. Mar. 5, 1771.

186. Amelia, b. Feb. 24, 1766.

190. Billy, b. Jan. 21, 1774.

75. Israel, son of Col. Bushnell and Miriam Bostwick, m. Elizabeth Mallery, July 12, 1767. He was deacon of the Cong. Church of Dorset, Vt., whither he removed from N. M.

191. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1767; m. Thomas Towse of Dorset, Vt.; had Bostwick and Chester, d. 1812.

193. Caleb Noble, b. Apr. 28, 1772.

194. Alanson, b. Feb. 17, 1774.

195. Jared, b. Oct. 15, 1778.

192. Lois, b. Dec. 13, 1769; m. ——— Vail; removed to Canada East; d. 1846.

196. Polly, b. 1779; m. Silas Root of Georgia, Vt., Dec. 19, 1800; had Elizabeth, Mary L.

78. Edward, son of John 3d and Jemima (Canfield) Bostwick, m. Ann Stevens, Apr. 10, 1757.

197. Huldah, b. Aug. 25, 1758.

199. Newell.

198. Salmon.

200. Truman.

79. Matthew, son of John 3d and Jemima (Canfield) Bostwick, m. Rebecca ———, Nov. 6, 1766. Ch.:

201. Orange, b. Apr. 27, 1769.

205. Parnel, b. Feb. 28, 1776.

202. Adoniram, } b. Feb. 8, 1771.

206. Charlotte, b. Oct. 23, 1777.

203. Alvin,

207. Shelburn, b. Nov. 8, 1781.

204. Huldah, b. Feb. 19, 1774.

208. Almeria, b. Mar. 24, 1784.

82. Nathan, son of John 3d and Jemima Bostwick, m. Elizabeth Caswell, Jan. 7, 1768.

209. Lyman, b. Oct. 8, 1768.

213. Nathan, b. Aug. 28, 1778.

210. Clara, b. Mar. 21, 1770.

214. Elizabeth, b. May 13, 1781.

211. "Deklamia," b. Sept. 3, 1771.

215. Gilbert, b. Nov. 22, 1782.

212. Seymour, b. Apr. 10, 1774.

216. John, b. Apr. 6, 1785.

83. David, son of Benajah and Hannah Bostwick, m.

217. Deming.

219. Marshall.

218. Joel.

86. David, Jr., son of Rev. David and Mary Bostwick, m. Polly Yates, Oct. 24, 1780; and resided in N. Y. State.

220. Paul Yates, b. Mar. 22, 1781.

95. Col. Elisha, son of Samuel and Anna Fisk Bostwick, m. Betty Ferriss, May 14, 1786. She died July 13, 1834. He died Dec. 11, 1834, aged 86 years. He was a Colonel in the Revolution, and Clerk of the town fifty-five years. (See Biog.)

221. Jared, b. May 24, 1787.

223. Samuel Randolph, b. Aug. 16, 1799; d. Dec. 30, 1802.

222. Betsey Ann, b. July 11, 1792; m. ——— Bur-
rall; d. Dec. 18, 1851.

97. Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel, Sen., and Anna (Fisk) Bostwick, m. 1st Polly Trail, June 27, 1784; m. 2d Pollypheme Ruggles, May 14, 1786. He died of small-pox, April 3, 1799.

224. Sally, b. Mar. 21, 1786.

226. Hannah Lorain, b. May 25, 1788; d. Mar. 31, 1790.

225. Anne Fisk, b. Jan. 6, 1787; m. Joseph A. Bostwick.

227. Hannah Lorain, b. Feb. 9, 1790; m. Hon. Samuel Sharwood of New York.

112. Ebenezer, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Rebecca Northrop, June 10, 1777. He was orderly Sergeant in the Revolution, and after 1784 removed with his father and brothers to Hinesburgh, Vt., and thence in 1803 to Roodstown, Ohio, where he died.

228. Andrew, b. Nov. 3, 1778; m. Lucretia Sanderson; had Oliver and Charles.

229. Adnah H., b. Feb. 14, 1782.

229. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 11, 1781.

233. Margaret, b. Oct. 2, 1790.

230. Lucy, b. Feb. 27, 1784.

234. Charles H., b. Nov. 18, 1792.

231. Sarah, b. Nov. 23, 1786.

235. Annis, b. Feb. 19, 1796.

113. Elsur, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Mercy Bostwick, Dec., 30, 1778. ("One record says Dec. 30, 1779, the first Continental Thanksgiving Day.")

236. Ashbel, b. Jan. 4, 1780.

237. Edmund, b. July 5, 1782.

114. Salmon, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Anne Warner, June 22, 1788.

238. Mercy, b. July 14, 1789.

241. Hermon.

239. Lucy, b. Aug. 14, 1791.

242. Hiram W.

240. Salmon.

115. Medad, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Comfort Oviatt of N. M.

243. Alexander.

244. Milton.

116. Gershom, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Naomi Northrop of Brookfield, and removed to Hinesburgh, Vt.

245. Polly, b. Mar. 21, 1784.

251. Laura, b. Aug. 3, 1795.

246. Betsey, b. Aug. 16, 1785.

252. Juliette, b. Apr. 9, 1797.

247. Joseph, b. Nov. 2, 1787.

253. Charles B., b. Apr. 1, 1800.

248. Oliver, b. July 13, 1789.

254. Edmund B., b. Dec. 5, 1801.

249. Lucy, b. Jan. 2, 1792.

255. Ebenezer, b. Sep. 6, 1803.

250. Mabel, b. Mar. 2, 1794.

256. Mercy M., b. Oct. 3, 1807.

118. Doctor, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Lucy Smith of N. M., July 27, 1786; removed to Vermont in 1788.

257. Henry, b. Jan. 14, 1787.

260. Horatio N., b. Jan. 6, 1799.

258. John, b. Nov. 2, 1788.

261. George, b. Apr. 12, 1801.

259. Ralph, b. May 19, 1794.

120. Ezbon, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Lois Warner of N. M. in Feb., 1794; removed to Vermont, and thence to Ohio.

262. George, b. Apr. 28, 1798.

265. Marietta.

263. Electa A., b. Apr. 12, 1800.

266. William, b. Aug. 6, 1808.

264. Charles, b. Mar. 12, 1802.

123. Robert, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. Sibyl Gear of Vermont.

267. Julia.

269. Ellen.

268. Edmund.

270. Henry.

124. Heman, son of Edmund and Mercy Bostwick, m. 1st, Belinda Palmer, Oct. 22, 1797; 2d, ———.

271. Orsimus, b. Mar. 2, 1801.

278. Heman, b. June 1, 1820.

272. Harmon W., b. Feb. 9, 1803.

279. Edmund, b. Feb. 13, 1822.

273. Harmon W., b. Apr. 16, 1805.

280. Polly, b. Jan. 18, 1824.

274. Homer, b. Oct. 25, 1806.

281. Alvitir, b. Aug. 20, 1827.

275. Medad, b. Dec. 9, 1808.

282. Lois, b. Sep. 15, 1828.

276. Zalmon, b. Sep. 9, 1811.

283. Caroline, b. Jan. 20, 1830.

277. Delia, b. Mar. 7, 1818.

132. Ichabod, son of Abel (of Merryall) and Sarah Bostwick, m. Anne Wheaton, Oct. 8, 1780. He d. in 1843, æ. 80 years.

284. Joseph Abel, b. Nov. 23, 1781.

286. Barbara, b. June 11, 1786.

285. Lydia Sarah, b. Aug. 3, 1783.

287. Anne, b. Feb. 13, 1790.

146. Benjamin R., son of Capt. Reuben and Mabel Bostwick, m. Rachel Stone, Nov. 30, 1782.

288. Lodemia, b. Oct. 10, 1783.

289. Almon, b. Apr. 19, 1786.

156. Zadoc, son of Zadoc and Mary Bostwick, m. Dorcas ———.

290. Johannah, b. Mar. 22, 1780.

218. Joel, son of David Bostwick, m. Sarah Keeney, June 21, 1768.

291. Hannah, b. July 13, 1769.

293. Polly, b. Mar. 12, 1773.

292. Noble, b. Apr. 28, 1771.

221. Jared, son of Col. Elisha and Betty Ferriss, m. Ann Copley, June 25, 1814. He was town clerk several years.

294. Stanley Griswold, b. July 10, 1815.

296. John Robert, b. Jan. 9, 1820.

295. George Henry, b. Dec. 5, 1817; d. Mar. 2,

297. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 18, 1829.

1744.

298. Frederick Elihu, b. Feb. 3, 1833.

236. Ashbel, son of Elizur and Mercy Bostwick, m. Clara Minerva Bristol, Aug. 28, 1803.

299. Edwin, b. July 24, 1804.

301. Harriet Susannah, b. June 9, 1815.

300. Horatio Nelson, b. June 15, 1806.

237. Edmund, son of Elizur and Mercy Bostwick, m. Aurelia Hawley of Huntington, June 4, 1804.

302. Aminta Maria, b. Sep. 8, 1805.

304. D. Lauzur, b. Sep. 14, 1810.

303. Agur Bushnell, b. Feb. 15, 1808.

305. Nancy, b. Dec. 22, 1813.

BOSTWICK, Benajah, m. Hester Bostwick, Apr. 15, 1767.

William, b. Aug. 21, 1767.

Rachel, b. Mar. 15, 1769.

Bostwick, Second Family.

4. BOSTWICK, Zachariah, son of John 1st, and grandson of Arthur, lived in Milford, Ct. Ch.:

310. Zachariah.

314. Parnel, b. Apr. 15, 1702.

311. Benjamin. (One record gives this name as Ephraim.)

315. Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1704.

312. Jonathan, b. Apr. 1, 1697.

316. Meredith.

313. Susanna, b. Nov. 22, 1700.

317. Martha.

311. Benjamin, son of Zechariah of Stratford, was b. about 1793; came to N. M. and m. Zerula, eldest dau. of Moses Johnson of Woodbury, May 2, 1711. He was one of the first twelve settlers in N. M., and was a signer on the first petition of the plantation to the General Court in October, 1711. His wife Zerula was the first bride in N. M. He d. May 15, 1739. (See page 27.)

319. Hannah, b. Oct. 22, 1711; m. — Canfield of Derby, Ct. 322. Jerusha, b. July 15, 1717; m. Joseph Canfield.

320. Mary, b. May 19, 1713; d. Oct. 10, 1713. 323. Jemima, b. Aug. 29, 1720; unm.

321. Betsey, b. Mar. 23, 1715; m. Jonathan Buck, and settled at Nine Partners, N. Y. 324. Benjamin, b. May 2, 1724.

324. Benjamin, 2d, son of Benjamin and Zerula Bostwick, m. Rachel — of Ridgefield, Ct., Jan. 11, 1742-3. He resided in his father's homestead on what is now Grove Street. He d. Nov. 25, 1748.

325. Rachel, b. Dec. 9, 1743; m. Isaac De Forest. 327. Solomon; b. Jan. 13, 1746-7. ■

326. Benjamin, b. Feb. 13, 1744-5.

326. Benjamin, 3d, son of Benjamin 2d and Rachel Bostwick, m. Olive Judson of Woodbury, Feb. 8, 1769. She was b. Sep. 2, 1745, and d. Nov. 18, 1815. He d. Nov. 30, 1815.

328. Rachel, b. May 9, 1770; m. John Stilson. 329. Solomon, b. June 22, 1774.

329. Solomon, son of Benjamin 3d and Olive Bostwick, m. Anne, dau. of Thomas Wells, and resided on his farm on Second Hill, in the east part of the town. He was a Captain of cavalry in New Milford, and a successful farmer.

330. Benjamin Earl, b. July 2, 1804.

331. Solomon E., b. Oct. 30, 1806.

332. Laura A., b. Aug. 29, 1822; m. Samuel C. Wildman of Danbury, Sept. 3, 1835.

333. William, b. Dec. 16, 1822.

330. Benjamin E., son of Solomon and Anne Bostwick, m. Emily E., dau. of Cyrus Northrop, Sep. 12, 1831. They reside in a beautiful home in New Milford village; are active and busy citizens. He attends to his numerous farms in various parts of the town with the activity of a young man. It is the old Bostwick character — ever steady, on the forward march. He still holds land laid out on Second Hill to the first Benjamin Bostwick in New Milford.

334. Cyrus Benjamin, b. May 31, 1836.

335. Edwin Northrop, b. May 3, 1840.

331. Solomon E., son of Solomon and Anne Bostwick, m. Adaline, dau. of Walter Booth, Feb. 26, 1833. He was a merchant in New Milford village about twenty years, and is now associated with his sons in manufacturing vegetable ivory buttons. His memory being very good, and by his familiarity with the people of the town seventy years, he has been of much advantage to the author of this book, he having mentioned a multitude of items not elsewhere obtained.

336. Henry E., b. May 6, 1835.

338. Walter B., b. Aug. 26, 1840.

337. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1837.

333. William, son of Solomon and Olive Bostwick, m. Maria L., dau. of Ebenezer Sanford, Jan. 6, 1842. They reside on Elm Street in New Milford village. He has followed farming until within a few years.

339. Cornelia, m. John E. Northrop of Sherman; 340. Ann Eliza. had dau. Bell, and d. in 1870.

334. Cyrus B., son of Benjamin E. and Emily Bostwick, m. Sarah J. Riblet, June 15, 1864, and resides in New York city.

341. Benjamin Earl.

344. Laura Northrop.

342. Cyrus Riblet.

345. Sarah Wells.

343. Carrie Louisa.

335. Edwin N., son of Benjamin E. and Emily Bostwick, m. Mary Eva Doty, Oct. 6, 1863. He is a farmer in Park Lane.

346. Sarah Northrop.

349. Mary Doty.

347. William Edwin.

350. Arthur Ellis.

348. Emily.

351. Anna.

336. Henry E., son of Solomon E. and Adaline Bostwick, m. Alice C. dau. of Col. Henry Merwin of Gaylord's Bridge.

338. Walter B., son of Solomon E. and Adaline Bostwick, m. Alice G., dau. of Anan and Lucy A. Marsh, Sept. 9, 1868; had Lizzie Marsh; and Winfred Walter, d. Apr. 9, 1876.

Bostwick, Third Family.

BOSTWICK, Joseph, son of John 1st of Stratford, and brother of Zachariah and John 2d, m. Ann Burr, June 14, 1798, and resided in Stratford.

1. Abigail, b. Sept. 24, 1700.

3. Hannah, b. Jan. 3, 1705.

2. Abraham, b. Sept. 5, 1702.

2. Abraham, son of Joseph and Ann Bostwick, m. Hannah, dau. of Daniel Collins, Sept. 13, 1732. She died Dec. 8, 1742. He settled in New Milford, east of Town Hill Brook, on Second hill, and was a farmer and weaver.

4. Ann, b. July 7, 1733.

6. Abel, b. Mar. 14, 1738-9.

5. Joseph, b. Nov. 14, 1735.

7. Joshua, b. Feb. 22, 1749.

BOTSFORD, Capt. Nathan, m. 1st Sarah ———, who died July 26, 1770. He m. 2d Mrs. Martha Baldwin in Newberg Society in N. M., Sept. 18, 1771, and she died Apr. 8, 1781. He died Feb. 14, 1792. He held prominent town offices for many years, and was an active, influential citizen.

1. Sarah, b. June 18, 1740.

who was residing at Digby, Nova Scotia, in 1795, when he appointed persons in N. M. to sell lands inherited by his wife.

2. Ann, b. Oct. 10, 1744; m. Benj. Buckingham.

3. "Hesther," b. Jan. 20, 1754; m. Rev. Roger Veits, an Episcopal minister of Simsbury;

Botsford, Jonathan, son of Solomon, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Lydia Camp, Feb. 5, 1735-6. The name of his first wife was Betsey. His son Jonathan received 100 acres of land from his grandfather, Samuel Camp, in 1755, lying south of Joseph Wheaton's.

1. Martha, b. Mar. 27, 1737; d. Aug. 27, 1740.

5. David, b. Oct. 4, 1744.

2. Elnathan, b. Nov. 10, 1738.

6. Abel, b. Sept. 6, 1747; m. Mary Hartwell, Aug. 7, 1769.

3. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 22, 1740.

7. Samuel, b. Mar. 11, 1753.

4. Jonathan, b. Sept. 1, 1743.

5. David, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Botsford, m. Rebecca Phippeny, Oct. 18, 1764.

8. Benjamin, b. Sept. 9, 1765.

10. Nathan, b. June 2, 1769.

9. Anne, b. July 2, 1767.

BOZWORTH, William, m. Sarah Farrand of N. M., Aug. 6, 1745; residence in New Preston.

Bozworth, Stephen, and wife Abigail; residence in New Preston.

1. James, b. Dec. 25, 1747.

3. Daniel, b. Nov. 13, 1750.

2. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 7, 1749.

BRADSHAW, John, apparently the son of John, Sen., and if so, then born Feb. 11, 1695, or he may have been a grandson of John, Sen. His father, John Bradshaw, Sen., was son of Humphrey Bradshaw of Cambridge, England, who arrived in America with a company in 1642, with a wife Patience.

John Bradshaw, Jr., m. Sarah, dau. of Stephen Viddeto, June 4, 1740, and settled

on Still River Neck, on the hill which is still known as "Bradshaw Hill." The births of only four children are found on the town records. Ch.:

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| 1. Mary, b. Feb. 26, 1743-4. | 3. John, b. May 4, 1748. |
| 2. Sarah, b. July 6, 1745. | 4. Rachel, b. Jan. 4, 1758. |

3. *John, 3d*, son of John and Sarah Bradshaw, m. Ch.:

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| 5. Abigail K., b. Nov. 16, 1775. | 7. Betsey, b. Jan. 19, 1779. |
| 6. Salmon, b. Nov. 4, 1776. | 8. William, b. Aug. 2, 1784. |

Bradshaw, James, perhaps a brother of John, m. Rachel Bostwick, Sept. 19, 1750. She died Jan. 18, 1752. He m. 2d widow Lydia Moss, Feb. 13, 1753. Ch.:

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| 1. David, b. Dec. 29, 1751; d. Jan. 13, 1752. | 4. David, b. Feb. 5, 1759. |
| 2. Thomas, b. Nov. 25, 1754. | 5. Asahel, b. Feb. 15, 1761. |
| 3. Lois, b. Sept. 10, 1757. | 6. James, b. Apr. 2, 1762. |

Bradshaw, William, m. Mindwell Wildman of Danbury, June 14, 1769.

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| 1. Sarah, b. Sept. 4, 1770; d. Apr. 20, 1774. | 4. Daniel, bapt. Sept. 29, 1776. |
| 2. Daniel, b. Mar. 3, 1772; d. Apr. 22, 1774. | 5. Joseph, { twins, bapt. Oct. 3, 1779. |
| 3. Anna, b. Dec. 16, 1773. | 6. Thomas, } |

5. *Joseph*, son of William and Mindwell Bradshaw, m. Jane Olmstead, and after some years he removed to Ohio. Ch.:

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| 7. Abram. | 12. Honor. |
| 8. Bezaleel. | 13. Lydia. |
| 9. William. | 14. Phoebe. |
| 10. Ebenezer. | 15. Noble. |
| 11. Jane. | 16. Angenett. |

6. *Thomas*, son of William and Mindwell Bradshaw, m. Tirza Benedict of Danbury, March 15, 1801. Ch.:

17. Salmon Thomas, b. Dec. 17, 1801.

A number of the Bradshaw families removed to Ohio.

BREWER, Eleazer Taylor, son of Daniel Brewer of Tyringham, Mass., m. Julia, dau. of Hezekiah Judd, and came with his brother to New Milford in 1842, and engaged as a blacksmith, intending to establish the axe-making business. His brother returned to East Lee, Mass., and Eleazer T. became a farmer. In 1862 he bought a farm on Fort Hill, built a dwelling-house and other buildings, where he still resides. Ch.:

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| 1. Electa Julia; m. Edward Gardner, and resides in Winsted. | 3. Harriet Newell; m. Dwight Ives of Cornwall, where they reside. |
| 2. Mary Lovinnie; m. Eli Burton of Trumbull, where they reside. | 4. Fannie Malvina. |
| | 5. Daniel Buel. |

BRISTOLL, Dantel, m. Susannah Wooster, July 18, 1775. She died May 7, 1794. Ch.:

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| Daughter, b. Jan. 22, 1776; d. same day. | Charry, b. Nov. 15, 1784. |
| Lucy, b. Aug. 22, 1779. | Peter, { twins, b. Apr. 5, 1794. |
| Jabez, b. Apr. 29, 1781. | Isaac, } |
| Ann, b. Jan. 8, 1783. | |

BROWN, Jonathan, m. Judith Betts, Sept. 6, 1797. Ch.:

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| Hiram, b. Jan. 24, 1800. | Zera, b. Apr. 12, 1806. |
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1. *BROWNSON, John*, believed to have been one of the company who came with Mr. Hooker to Hartford in 1636; was in the bloody Pequot battle of 1637. He removed to Tunxis (Farmington) about 1641; and was one of the seven pillars at the organization of the Farmington church in 1652. He d. Nov. 28, 1680. Ch.:

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| 2. Jacob, b. Jan., 1641. | 6. Abraham; removed to Lyme. |
| 3. John, b. Jan., 1644. | 7. Dorcas. |
| 4. Isaac, b. Nov., 1645. | 8. Sarah. |
| 5. Mary. | |

2. Jacob, son of John Brownson, m. Mary —, and resided in Farmington, in Kensington Society. Ch.:

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| 9. Samuel, b. 1685; settled in N. M. | 12. Isaac, of Lyme. |
| 10. Jacob, of Kensington. | 13. Elizabeth. |
| 11. Roger, b. in 1792; settled in N. M. | 14. Rebecca. |

9. Samuel, son of Jacob and Mary Brownson, m. Lydia —, probably in Kensington. He settled in N. M. in 1713, and became a prominent man in the State as a member of the Governor's Court. He d. Oct. 27, 1733. (See p. 28.) Lydia, his widow, m. Jonathan Lum of Derby, Mar. 2, 1742. (See the List of Physicians.)

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| 15. Lydia, b. Feb. 23, 1702; m. Ezekiel Buck. | 18. Jacob, b. Sep. 24, 1711. |
| 16. Thomas, b. Feb. 6, 1704. | 19. Margaret, b. Oct. 3, 1715. |
| 17. Rebecca, b. Feb. 14, 1708; m. Samuel Hitchcock, Jr. | 20. Samuel, b. July 16, 1721. |

11. Roger, son of Jacob and Mary Brownson, m. Dorcas —, and settled in N. M. in 1713. (See p. 30.)

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| 21. Roger, b. Dec. 10, 1702. | 25. Gershom, b. Oct. 4, 1713; d. Oct. 14, 1713. |
| 22. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1704; m. Jonathan Hitchcock. | 26. Josiah, b. Feb. 14, 1715. |
| 23. Abram, b. Dec. 22, 1707. | 27. Peter, b. Oct. 22, 1717. |
| 24. Ruth, b. Dec. 25, 1710; m. Benjamin Hoose, Aug. 22, 1738. | 28. Dorcas, b. Sep. 9, 1720. |
| | 29. Noah, b. Oct. 2, 1722; d. Dec. 12, 1733. |

16. Thomas, son of Samuel and Lydia Brownson, m. Sarah, dau. of Samuel Hitchcock, Nov. 5, 1725.

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| 30. Thomas, b. Dec. 25, 1725. | 34. Sarah, b. Nov. 10, 1733. |
| 31. Mary, b. Aug. 20, 1727; m. Simeon Baldwin. | 35. John, b. July 3, 1736. |
| 32. Jerusha, b. Aug. 13, 1729. | 36. Eunice, b. Feb. 29, 1739. |
| 33. Rebecca, b. Aug. 2, 1731. | |

18. Jacob, son of Samuel and Lydia Brownson, m. Nov. 30, 1732, Abigail Jones, "a transient young woman," probably a visitor in the place. She d. Apr. 25, 1734. He m. 2d, Mrs. Rebecca Smith, May 29, 1735.

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| 37. Timothy, b. Feb. 28, 1737. | 39. Jacob, b. Dec., 1740. |
| 38. Abigail, b. Sep. 12, 1738. | |

20. Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Lydia Brownson, m. Elizabeth —.

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| 40. Tamar, b. Nov. 2, 1749. | 42. Samuel, b. July 14, 1755. |
| 41. Anna, b. Jan. 9, 1752. | 43. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 28, 1756. |

21. Roger, Jr., son of Roger and Dorcas Brownson, m. Ruth, dau. of Henry Castle, Jr., of Woodbury, Jan. 11, 1732-3. She d. Mar. 4, 1788, in her 83d year. He d. Dec. 11, 1789, æ. 87 years.

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| 44. Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1733. | 47. Matthew, b. June 29, 1741. |
| 45. Benjamin, b. Nov. 1, 1735. | 48. Hannah, b. Oct. 21, 1743. |
| 46. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 3, 1738; d. Nov. 20, 1747. | |

23. Abram, son of Roger and Dorcas Brownson, m. Deborah Abbott, Jan. 24, 1738-9. She d. Nov. 3, 1739. He d. Jan. 28, 1743-4.

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| 49. Noah, b. Oct. 18, 1739. |
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26. Josiah, son of Roger and Dorcas Brownson, m. Prudence, dau. of Joseph Hurlbut of Woodbridge, Jan. 31, 1738-9.

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| 50. David, b. Oct. 29, 1739. | 53. Prudence, b. July 28, 1746. |
| 51. Ann, b. Apr. 10, 1742. | 54. Abraham, b. Nov. 3, 1749. |
| 52. Deborah, b. Feb. 1, 1743-4. | 55. Abel, b. Jan. 14, 1751. |

27. Peter, son of Roger and Dorcas Brownson, m. Abigail —, Nov. 11 1742. He d. Feb. 22, 1776.

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| 56. Rosannah, b. Nov. 6, 1743; m. James Phippeny. | 58. Abigail, b. June 8, 1753. |
| 57. Dorcas, b. Feb. 15, 1746-7; m. David Wilkinson. | 59. Clotilda, b. Jan. 26, 1758; d. Feb. 7, 1776. |

30. Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas and Sarah Brownson, m. Betty Baldwin, Oct. 25, 1751. She d. Sep. 12, 1799. He d. Apr. 18, 1802.

60. Lucy, b. Oct. 13, 1752.

63. Reuben, b. June 20, 1762.

61. Ann, b. Oct. 31, 1754.

64. Alfred, b. May 22, 1767.

62. Isaac, b. July 27, 1758.

35. John, son of Thomas, Sen., and Sarah Brownson, m. Mabel, dau. of Lt. James Hine, Aug. 29, 1765. She d. Aug. 28, 1767, twelve days after the birth of her son. He m. 2d, Rachel Stevens, Jan. 5, 1769.

65. Hine, b. Aug. 16, 1767.

37. Matthew, son of Roger, Jr., and Ruth Brownson, m. Mary, dau. of Ephraim Richmond, Dec. 27, 1792. He d. Jan. 16, 1816, in his 75th year.

66. Asahel, b. June 23, 1796.

69. Mary Caroline, b. Sep. 25, 1806.

67. David, b. Sep. 16, 1799.

70. Lewis, b. June 12, 1814.

68. Ruth Maria, b. Jan. 5, 1803.

39. Noah, son of Abram and Deborah Brownson, m. Elizabeth Oviatt, Mar. 16, 1763.

71. Orasmus, b. Mar. 19, 1764; d. Oct., 1780, in the Revolution.

75. Lemuel Abbott, b. Sep. 3, 1773.

72. Deborah, b. June 24, 1766.

76. Dorcas, b. May 7, 1775; d. June 25, 1775.

73. Austin, b. June 30, 1768.

77. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 20, 1777.

74. Noah, b. Oct. 24, 1771.

79. "Orasmus," b. Aug. 5, 1782.

61. Asa, m. Sarah Wood, Sep. 9, 1777. She d. Dec. 24, 1781.

80. Orza, b. Oct. 11, 1778.

82. John, b. Nov. 29, 1781.

81. Harmon, b. Feb. 8, 1780.

Brownson, Capt. Benjamin, m. Mary Arnold, May 16, 1781. He d. May 9, 1803.

1. Sarah, b. Oct. 21, 1782.

2. Samuel, b. Apr. 30, 1784.

Brownson, Samuel, m. Barbara Hartwell of Washington, Jan. 29, 1807.

1. Benjamin, b. Sep. 27, 1808.

2. Joseph, b. Aug. 10, 1812.

BROWNWELL, Isaac, m. Ann Nearing, Apr. 7, 1769.

Eliasha, b. Feb. 10, 1770.

Buck, First Family.

BUCK, Ezekiel, settled at New London about 1667, and afterward removed to Wethersfield.

1. Jonathan; who settled in N. M.

3. Ezekiel; who settled in N. M.

2. Enoch, b. 1682, at Wethersfield.

1. Jonathan, son of Ezekiel Buck and his wife Mary, came to N. M. with a family of three or more children, and made his home on Poplar Street, a little north of Mr. Wm. D. Black's present farm-house.

4. Jonathan.

8. Aaron, b. Jan. 20, 1720.

5. Moses.

9. Thankful, b. Apr. 30, 1723.

6. Joseph.

10. Timothy, b. Oct. 27, 1725.

7. Comfort, b. Apr. 19, 1717; m. William Ostrander of Dutchess Co., N. Y., Jan. 2, 1739.

4. Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Mary Buck, m. Betsey Bostwick, Jan. 9, 1732-3.

11. Phebe, b. Mar. 18, 1733-4.

15. Anna, b. Jan. 13, 1745-6.

12. Lois, b. June 5, 1736.

16. Jonathan, b. Sep. 6, 1748.

13. Betty, b. Jan. 26, 1739-40.

17. Zadoc, b. Feb. 23, 1752.

14. Zerua, b. Sep. 25, 1742.

5. Moses, son of Jonathan and Mary Buck, m. Eunice Miles, Sep. 29, 1730.

She d. Nov. 19, 1732.

18. Samuel, b. June 26, 1731.

6. Joseph, son of Jonathan and Mary Buck, m. Ann, dau. of William Gould, June 5, 1728.

19. Isaac, b. Mar. 19, 1729.
20. Lemuel, b. Sep. 6, 1732.
21. Abel, b. Sep. 23, 1736.

22. David, b. Aug. 2, 1741.
23. Lucy, b. Feb. 18, 1747-8.

8. Aaron, son of Jonathan and Mary Buck, m.
23½. Abigail, bapt. June 24, 1750.

18. Samuel, son of Moses and Eunice Buck, m. Phebe Dayton, May 12, 1756. She d. Nov. 26, 1761. He m. 2d, Mehitable Macoy (McCoy), July 1, 1762.

24. Molly, b. June 5, 1758.
25. Phebe, b. Dec. 14, 1759.

26. Falley, b. Oct. 25, 1767.
27. Daniel, b. Aug. 41, 1769.

19. Isaac, son of Joseph and Ann Buck, m. Elizabeth Barnes, Feb. 10, 1758.

28. Eunice, b. Nov. 11, 1758.
29. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 28, 1760.

30. Isaac, b. May 23, 1763.
31. William, b. Aug. 1765.

20. Lemuel, son of Joseph and Ann Buck, m. Bethia McEuen, Aug. 27, 1755.

32. Lemuel, b. Apr. 8, 1758.
33. Joseph, b. Oct. 11, 1760.
34. Robert, b. Oct. 18, 1762.
35. Gould, b. Mar. 14, 1765.

36. George, b. Nov. 17, 1766.
37. Elijah, b. Aug. 30, 1770.
38. Zadoc, } twins, b. May 26, 1773.
39. Nathan, }

21. Abel, son of Joseph and Ann Buck, m. Thankful —.

40. Abel, b. Sep. 20, 1755.

41. Ann, b. Oct. 9, 1758.

Buck, Second Family.

2. BUCK, Enoch, son of Ezekiel Buck of Wethersfield, came to New Milford a single man and m. here Mary, dau. of Samuel Beebe, May 2, 1717, and settled on his brother's home-lot on Poplar street, a little way north of Mr. Wm. D. Black's present farm-house on that street.

42. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 8, 1717-18.
43. Grace, b. Jan. 22, 1718-19; m. Samuel Baldwin, Oct. 31, 1739.
44. Hannah, b. June 9, 1720; m. as 2d wife Capt. Matthew Hawley, Dec. 3, 1740.
45. Abigail, b. June 11, 1722.
46. William, b. Mar. 23, 1723.

47. James, b. Mar. 24, 1725-6.
48. Rachel, b. Apr. 1, 1730.
49. Jacob, b. Feb. 29, 1731-2.
50. Dorothy, b. Oct. 30, 1734.
51. Daniel, b. Feb. 28, 1736-7.
52. Jerusha, b. Aug. 25, 1739.

42. Ebenezer, son of Enoch and Mary Buck, m. Thankful, dau. of Ebenezer Baldwin, Feb. 29, 1743-4. Ebenezer Buck removed with his sons from New Milford in 1801, when he was 83 years of age, to Salina, Onondaga Co., N. Y.

53. Hannah, b. Nov. 26, 1744.
54. Enoch, b. Dec. 5, 1747.

56. Philander; m. Esther Bennitt, Aug. 18, 1799, and in 1801, removed to Salina, N. Y.

55. Gilbert; removed in 1801 to Salina, N. Y.

46. Capt. William, son of Enoch and Mary Buck, m. Deborah —. He removed to Wyoming, Pa., about 1768, where he was appointed Captain of Militia, and was slain in the massacre at that place in 1778. His family fled on foot to Connecticut, but returned to their farm at the close of the Revolutionary War. The Bucks of Pennsylvania and New York city are said to be descended from this family. Only two of his children are found on the N. M. records.

57. Abel, b. July 12, 1745.

58. Mary, b. Nov. 2, 1746.

47. James, son of Enoch and Mary Buck, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. Sherman, Feb. 25, 1748-9. She was sister to Roger Sherman; was born July 17, 1723, and died Jan. 9, 1793, in her 70th year. James Buck died Jan. 28, 1793, aged 67 years.

59. Ruth, b. Dec. 28, 1749; not m.; d. Jan. 20, 1830, aged 80 years.
 60. Samuel Beebe, b. Sept. 21, 1751.
 61. Mahitable, b. Dec. 6, 1753; m. Samuel Gregory.
 62. Josiah, b. Jan. 25, 1756; m.
 63. Jerusha, b. Mar. 2, 1758; m. Ebenezer Sanford.
 64. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 14, 1760; m. John Turrill.
 65. Asaph, b. Apr. 21, 1762; m.
 66. Wm. Sherman, b. Feb. 17, 1764; m.
 67. Salmon, b. May 19, 1766.
 68. Hannah, b. May 15, 1768; m. Jared Turrill.

51. Daniel, son of Enoch and Mary Buck, m. Ann Denton of Nine Partners, Dec. 9, 1756. Held town offices a short time in New Milford, and removed to Vermont.

69. Ichabod, b. Nov. 25, 1757.
 70. Rachel, b. Feb. 12, 1760.
 71. Benjamin, b. Nov. 21, 1762.

60. Samuel Beebe, son of James and Elizabeth Buck, m. Hannah Fairchild, Aug. 31, 1775. Settled in New Preston Society, where he was a Deacon of the church, and where he died Mar. 26, 1834, aged 83. His wife Hannah was born Feb. 20, 1753; died Sept. 26, 1825, aged 72 years.

72. Thalia, b. Oct. 4, 1776; d. Apr. 22, 1777.
 73. Thalia, b. Jan. 17, 1778; m. Benjamin Stone.
 74. Tryphena, b. Apr. 16, 1779; m. Amabel Baldwin, Jr.; removed to Delaware Co., N. Y.
 75. Lucy, b. Mar. 18, 1781; m. Ephraim Sterling.
 76. James Beebe, b. June 13, 1784; d. Jan. 9, 1801.
 77. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 18, 1787; m. Wm. Camp; no ch.; res. in Rensselaer; d. in 1863.
 78. Alma, b. Dec. 18, 1787; d. July 17, 1802.
 79. Electa, b. July 6, 1792; m. Isaac Dayton, Apr. 15, 1813.
 79½. Cyrus Curtis, b. Aug. 27, 1795; m. Laura Newton, Apr. 30, 1833; d. July, 1844.

62. Josiah, son of James and Elizabeth Buck, m. Mary Towner; residence in Sherman. He died July 15, 1813, aged 57 years. Ch.:

80. Betsey; m. Joel Dutton; d. in Oneida Co., N. Y.; 20 ch.
 81. Sally; m. Nathan Waldo; residence Oneida Co., N. Y.; 2 ch.
 82. Philomela; m. Jonathan Giddings in Sherman.
 83. Chloe; m. Wm. Duncan; residence Oneida Co., N. Y.; 5 ch.
 84. Marcia; m. Pitts Dodge; residence Oneida Co., N. Y.; 10 ch.
 85. Towner; m. Clarissa Fuller; had 2 ch.; died in Ohio.
 86. Delia; m. Doct. Sedgwick of Oneida Co., N. Y.; had ch.

65. Asaph, son of James and Elizabeth Buck, m. Phebe Wainwright of Stratford, Sept. 7, 1788; residence in New Preston. He removed to Otsego Co., N. Y., soon after 1800, when that part of the country was new. He possessed strong mental and physical powers. He died Mar. 10, 1848, aged 86 years. Ch.:

87. Sabra, b. July 23, 1789; d. unm.
 88. Elijah Sherman, b. June 14, 1791; m. and removed to Batavia, N. Y.; had 6 ch.
 89. Rev. Josiah Judson, b. Mar. 3, 1794; m.; was pastor at Jewett, Green Co., N. Y.; had 8 ch.
 90. Maria, b. Aug. 12, 1797; unm.
 91. Harriet, b. Dec. 20, 1800.
 92. Homer; m.; lived on the old homestead in New Preston; had ch.

66. William Sherman, son of James and Elizabeth Buck, m. Barentha York; removed to Seneca Co., N. Y., cleared and cultivated a new farm, having great energy and physical strength. About 1815 removed to Switzerland Co., Ind. He had twelve children, but only the names of three are known in New Milford. He died Aug. 4, 1843, aged 79 years.

93. Betsey; m. ——— Gazley, a merchant; residence Cincinnati.
 94. Hiram; a lawyer at Rising Sun, Ind.
 95. Aboliah; a farmer in Ill.

67. Salmon, son of James and Elizabeth Buck, m. Urana Beecher, Mar. 5, 1794, and resided on his father's homestead; was an industrious, upright citizen, and died Aug. 10, 1851, aged 85 years.

96. Theodore, b. Jan. 5, 1795.
 97. Seymour, b. June 27, 1801.

Buck, widow Thankful.

- Abel, bapt. Nov. 9, 1760.
 Anna, bapt. Nov. 9, 1760.

Buck, Third Family.

3. BUCK, Ezekiel, son of Ezekiel Buck, came from Wethersfield to Litchfield and thence to New Milford, and m. Lydia Brownson, Dec. 15, 1724. He settled at what is now Lanesville, near the falls, and his son John sold the land at that place in 1775 to Lazarus Ruggles, Sen., who erected there the Iron Works soon after. Ezekiel Buck died May 10, 1745. Lydia, his widow, died Jan. 3, 1768.

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| 98. Abishur, b. Nov. 10, 1725, at Litchfield. | 102. Lydia, b. Apr. 27, 1733. |
| 99. Experience, b. June 28, 1727. | 103. Sarai, b. Oct. 5, 1735. |
| 100. Ephraim, b. Sept. 25, 1729. | 104. Bariah, b. Oct. 25, 1738. |
| 101. John, b. July 26, 1731. | 105. Rebecca, b. June 7, 1741; m. Simeon Baldwin. |

98. Abishur, son of Ezekiel and Lydia Buck, m. Esther Clinton, Sept. 20, 1750.

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| 106. Joseph, b. Feb. 1, 1754. | 108. Abishur, b. Mar. 29, 1757; d. Mar. 23, 1760. |
| 107. Abishur, b. May 6, 1755; d. | 109. Sibyl, b. Oct. 9, 1760. |

100. Ephraim, son of Ezekiel and Lydia Buck, m. 1st Sarah Camp, June 23, 1757. She died July 7, 1762. He m. 2d Miriam Benton, Feb. 2, 1763. He m. 3d Sarah Stevens, Nov. 28, 1776, and she died Mar. 26, 1799. He m. 4th Mrs. Ann, widow of James Beers, Feb. 27, 1800. He died Oct. 20, 1802, in his 76th year.

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| 110. Miriam, b. Dec. 10, 1758. | 114. Rachel, b. Feb. 25, 1767. |
| 111. Sarah, b. May 22, 1762; m. (probably) ——— Stevens, and d. Mar. 30, 1844. | 115. Son, } twins, b. Feb. 27, 1772; { d. |
| 112. Ezekiel, b. Mar. 5, 1764. | 116. Daughter, } d. |
| 113. Benton, b. Sept. 23, 1765. | 117. Ephraim, b. Nov. 14, 1773; d. Jan. 17, 1779. |
| | 118. Polly, b. Feb. 6, 1776; d. Jan. 21, 1779. |

101. John, son of Ezekiel and Lydia Buck, m. Elizabeth Judd, Feb. 16, 1757, and resided on his father's homestead (apparently) until he sold it to Lazarus Ruggles in 1775.

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| 119. Joel, b. June 4, 1758; m. Hulda Bostwick of Sharon, July 2, 1778; had Betsey, b. Aug. 14, 1779; Salmon B., b. Aug. 2, 1781. | 121. Israel, b. May 7, 1762. |
| 120. Sarah, b. Mar. 3, 1761. | 122. Lucinda, b. July 21, 1767. |
| | 123. John, b. Sept. 6, 1773. |

Buckingham, First Family.

BUCKINGHAM, Thomas, son of Samuel and Sarah (Baldwin) Buckingham of Milford, was born in 1672, and resided in Milford. He was an original proprietor of one Right in New Milford. His father or brother Samuel also owned one Right. Samuel, the father of Thomas, was the son of Thomas Buckingham, who came with the New Haven company from London, and was one of the company that settled at Milford, Conn.

Thomas, son of Samuel, as above, m. Mary B. Woodruff, Jan. 9, 1724.

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| 1. Mary, b. Sept. 16, 1724. | 5. Hannah, bapt. May 13, 1733; m. Abner Green. |
| 2. Esther, b. Jan. 29, 1725. | 6. Benjamin, b. Dec. 28, 1836; settled in New Milford. |
| 3. Thomas, b. May 17, 1727. | |
| 4. Epinetas, bapt. Jan. 10, 1730. | |

6. Benjamin, son of Thomas and Mary B. Buckingham, settled in New Milford about 1760, and m. Ann, dau. of Nathan Botsford, June 30, 1762. She died Mar. 29, 1810, aged 66 years. He died in May, 1819, aged 83 years. He was an influential citizen, an energetic and successful farmer, and usually had his own way about things in general, and about the Roxbury turnpike in particular, in opposition to several votes of the town.

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| 7. Nathan Botsford, b. July 11, 1767. + | 9. Hester, b. Nov. 5, 1772; m. Samuel Comstock. |
| 8. Anna, b. Mar. 25, 1770; m. Nathan Leavenworth; removed to Hinesburgh, Vt. | 10. Benjamin Woodruff, b. Dec. 22, 1776. + |

7. Nathan B., son of Benjamin and Ann Buckingham, m. Rebecca, dau. of Joseph Hartwell, May 14, 1788. He died May 26, 1845. She died Aug. 26, 1847.

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| 11. Minerva, b. Dec. 29, 1789; m. Noble H. Merwin; removed to Cleveland, Ohio. (See Buckingham Genealogy.) | 12. Herman, } twins, b. Apr. 1, 1793. |
| | 13. Sherman, } |

10. Benjamin W., son of Benjamin and Ann Buckingham, m. Ann Merwin, June 24, 1811. He was a successful farmer on his father's homestead, where he resided until his death, Aug. 31, 1862, aged 86 years. His widow Ann died Mar. 16, 1867, aged 84 years.

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| 14. Benjamin Merwin, b. Apr. 21, 1812; d. June 12, 1846. | 16. Minerva, b. in 1817; d. in 1859. |
| 15. Ann Martha, b. Feb. 14, 1814; m. Philo Clark, a merchant at Williston, Vt. | 17. Nathan Leavenworth, b. Nov. 13, 1820; d. May 29, 1846. |
| | 18. Botsford Woodruff, b. July 20, 1823.† |

13. Herman, son of Nathan B. and Rebecca Buckingham, m. Harriet Marsh.

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| 19. John M., b. Oct. 3, 1823.† | June 22, 1855; had Sarah Harriet, b. Oct. 6, 1857; d. Jan. 6, 1858. |
| 20. Minerva, b. Aug. 15, 1825; m. Marcus Merwin. | 22. Cornelia, b. in 1837; m. David Northrop. |
| 21. George, b. in 1830; m. Mary Minor. | 23. Andrew, b. Apr. 22, 1840.† |

13. Sherman, son of Nathan B. and Rebecca Buckingham, m. Harriet Gunn. He died July 18, 1832.

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| 24. Henry Gunn, b. Mar. 31, 1821; residence, Memphis, Tenn. | 25. George Frederick, b. Feb. 21, 1823; m. and d.; no ch. |
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18. Botsford W., son of Benjamin W. and Ann Buckingham, m. Irene M. Merwin, Apr. 4, 1848, and is a prosperous farmer on his father's homestead.

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| 26. Benjamin Merwin. | 28. Charles Benedict. |
| 27. Martha Ann. | |

19. John M., son of Herman and Harriet Buckingham, m. 1st Ellen S. Hoadley of Naugatuck, Conn., Oct. 29, 1850. She d. Oct. 10, 1855, and he m. 2d Alice Horner in June, 1862. He is a lawyer in New York city.

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| 29. Mary E., b. Jan. 9, 1854; d. Apr. 19, 1862. | 30. Adele Kate. |
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23. Andrew, son of Herman and Harriet Buckingham, m. Sarah Beers, Apr. 22, 1863; resides in Washington, Conn.

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| 31. George Everett. | 33. Hattie Amanda. |
| 32. John Hermon. | |

Buckingham, Second Family.

BUCKINGHAM, Abel, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Buckingham of Milford, came to New Milford, and m. Hannah Botsford, Dec. 28, 1773. She died Sept. 22, 1801. He m. 2d Sarah Barnum, Apr. 4, 1702. Abel Buckingham and Benjamin Buckingham, who settled in N. M., were cousins. Abel settled about a mile northeast of Northville, on land, probably, laid out to his father, who was an original proprietor in N. M.

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| 40. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 3, 1775. | 43. Samuel, b. July 4, 1780. |
| 41. Abel, b. July 18, 1776. | 44. Ephraim, b. Aug. 15, 1782. |
| 42. Joseph, b. May 1778. | 45. Gilbert, b. July 25, 1785. |

40. Nathaniel, son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. Tamar Hunt, Mar. 24, 1801. She was born in May, 1778, and died Dec. 19, 1839. They resided in New Milford.

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| 46. Harmon, b. Apr. 22, 1802.† | 50. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 2, 1810; m. George H. Lawrence; had Mary and Ellen L. |
| 47. Homer, b. Dec. 1, 1804; d. Nov. 15, 1807. | 51. Harry, b. Apr. 10, 1813.† |
| 48. Homer, b. Sept. 14, 1808.† | 51½. Hiram Wheeler, b. June 7, 1815.† |
| 49. Arvey, b. Oct. 30, 1809.† | 52. Herman, b. Dec. 24, 1818.† |

41. Abel, Jr., son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. Abiah Clark, Mar. 9, 1802. She died Oct. 30, 1807. He m. 2d Nancy, dau. of Nathan Gaylord, Feb. 18, 1809. She died June 22, 1864, aged 77 years. He died May 21, 1825, aged 48 years.

By first marriage.

53. Sheldon, b. Nov. 22, 1803. +
54. Caroline, b. Mar. 2, 1806; d. Apr. 4, 1807.

By second marriage.

55. Nathan, b. Aug. 28, 1810; d. Sept. 25, 1810.
56. Ruth Maria, b. Nov. 13, 1811; d. July 20, 1833.
57. George Hartwell, b. Aug. 30, 1813. +

58. Charles Gaylord, b. Oct. 10, 1815; d. unm. Mar. 22, 1860.

59. Stanley, b. Mar. 27, 1818; d. unm. June 29, 1861.

60. Emily, b. Feb. 1, 1821; m. 1st, Miles J. Burr; m. 2d, Isaac Clark.

61. Benjamin, b. Jan. 16, 1824; d. unm. Nov. 30, 1853.

42. Joseph, son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. Sally Lockwood, Aug. 9, 1801. She was born Mar. 7, 1777. He died at the house of his daughter, Hannah Corbit, in Thurston, Steuben Co., N. Y., Jan. 2, 1857.

62. Abiram Botsford, b. Sep. 22, 1802.

63. Hannah Marilla, b. Mar. 18, 1805.

64. Joseph, b. Mar. 15, 1807.

65. Orzo, b. June 28, 1809.

66. Orrin, b. Apr. 22, 1811.

67. Almira, b. June 2, 1813.

68. Sheldon L., b. May 14, 1818.

69. Janett, b. Jan. 25, 1821.

43. Samuel, son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. Salome Briggs, Nov. 8, 1809. They settled first in Milford; afterwards removed to Chatham, N. Y.; thence to Medina, O., in Sept., 1837.

70. Caroline, b. Dec. 17, 1710; m.

71. Polly, b. Sept. 19, 1812.

72. Harriet B., b. July 4, 1814; m.

73. Lucy, b. Aug. 25, 1817; m.

74. Salome, b. May 6, 1819; m.

75. Samuel, b. Apr. 19, 1821; m.

76. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 22, 1823; m.

77. Charlotte, b. Mar. 29, 1826; m.

78. Mary, b. Oct. 17, 1828.

44. Ephraim, son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. Lucy Chamberlin, Jan. 15, 1807. She was born June 30, 1787. He died Dec. 15, 1809. After his death she m. Daniel Hine, Jr., Oct. 2, 1814.

79. Hart E., b. Nov. 20, 1808. +

45. Gilbert, son of Abel and Hannah Buckingham, m. 1st Annis Stone, Dec. 5, 1813. She died June 8, 1824. He m. 2d widow Anna Baldwin, May 1, 1825. She was born July 4, 1788.

By first marriage.

80. John, b. Oct. 3, 1816. +

81. Mary, b. Apr. 3, 1818; m. Marshall Straight.

82. Royal, b. Jan. 16, 1820. +

83. William B., b. Aug. 6, 1821; settled in Marshall, Mich.

84. Orrin G., b. Jan. 23, 1823; removed to Lapeer, Mich.

By second marriage.

85. Ralph, b. May 2, 1827. +

86. Homer, b. Nov. 29, 1828. +

87. Annis, b. Nov. 26, 1830; m. 1st Frances Merwin, Nov. 5, 1850, who died in Feb., 1853. She m. 2d Sidney Ensign, in May, 1860; had Henry M. and Lucy.

46. Harmon, son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Anna A. Wells, July 11, 1826. She died Nov. 30, 1857, aged 52 years. He resides in New Milford.

88. Wells H., b. July 5, 1827. +

89. Earl, b. Apr. 2, 1829. +

90. Clark, b. Aug. 5, 1831. +

91. Sarah Jane, b. May 3, 1834; m. Burton G.

92. Betsey Elizabeth, b. May 23, 1836; m. Doct. Nathan C. Baldwin in 1864; had Charlotte E.

93. Julia, b. Nov. 23, 1838; m. Watson C. Booth.

48. Homer, son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Adaline Couch, Nov. 11, 1851.

94. Cora Adelaide.

95. Ida.

96. Urania.

97. Lotta.

49. Harvey, son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Eliza Ross, Feb. 8, 1837. Their residence was in New Milford. He died Feb. 8, 1852. She died April 4, 1851.

96. An infant.

97. Theodore, b. Aug. 18, 1839; m. Elizabeth Whiteley.

98. Ann Eliza, b. Oct. 22, 1841.

99. Herman, b. Jan. 4, 1844. He enlisted August, 1861, in 128th N. Y. Regt.; d. in hospital at New Orleans, May 28, 1862.

51. Harry, son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Thalia, dau. of Daniel Hine 3d, Mar. 11, 1840. He has been captain of militia, selectman, justice of the peace, and representative.

100. Orio Hine, b. Jan. 12, 1841. He enlisted in the 19th Regt., Aug. 4, 1862; was mustered out after the close of the war; d. in 1874.

his wounds in 1862, having been promoted sergeant. He died at Northville, June 18, 1869, m. 25.

101. Irwin C., b. June 17, 1844. He enlisted in the 14th Regt.; was changed to the 19th Regt.; was wounded in the leg and hip; after a time he was discharged on account of

102. Lucy Ions, b. Aug. 11, 1848; d. Aug. 20, 1852.

103. Annie M., b. Aug. 26, 1853.

51½. Hiram W., son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Susan Baldwin, June 10, 1846. He is a farmer at Northville.

104. Andrew Dey, b. Feb. 17, 1849; d. Aug. 29, 1851.

105. Charles Lester, b. Aug. 31, 1855.

107. Edgar Baldwin, b. Jan. 4, 1859.

105. Andrew Samuel, b. Dec. 10, 1852.

106. Herman, b. Mar. 15, 1864.

59. Herman, son of Nathaniel and Tamar Buckingham, m. Maria, dau. of Marvin Wheaton, Sept. 29, 1849, and resides in Northville.

109. Scott.

111. Ellen Maria.

110. Annot.

58. Sheldon, son of Abel and Abiah Buckingham, m. Eliza Ann Gaylord. She died Feb. 26, 1841. He m. 2d Delia Maria Baldwin, Aug. 30, 1841. He kept store at Northville sixteen years; was postmaster thirteen years, and justice of the peace eight years. In 1848 he removed to Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., where he resided seventeen years, then he removed to Franklin, N. J.

112. Fitch R., b. Feb. 16, 1831.

116. Caroline E., b. Apr. 18, 1839.

113. William J., b. Dec. 4, 1832.

By second marriage.

114. Hart, b. May 28, 1835.

117. Albert S., b. June 24, 1842.

115. Henry G., b. Mar. 22, 1837.

118. Andrew, b. July 12, 1846.

57. George H., son of Abel, Jr., and Nancy Buckingham, m. Sally Morgan, and died Mar. 5, 1846, æ. 32 years.

119. Edgar.

120. Mary.

79. Hart E., son of Ephraim and Lucy Buckingham, m. Rhoda S. Vought, Sept. 6, 1841. He is a farmer at Northville; has been justice of the peace. His wife Rhoda died June 12, 1855.

121. Henry Hine, b. Oct. 6, 1842; d. Dec. 12, 1842.

122. Frances E.

80. John, son of Gilbert and Annis Buckingham, m. Sarah E. Wheaton, June 4, 1841; resides at Eatontown, N. J., and is a teacher and marble-dealer.

123. Oliver W., b. July 7, 1843. Served one year in the late war, and is a wholesale dealer in cotton goods, 59 Murray Street, N. Y. city.

124. Harriet E., b. Oct. 27, 1849.

125. Edna, b. Mar. 6, 1855.

126. William John, b. Jan. 18, 1861.

82. Royal, son of Gilbert and Annis Buckingham, m. Harriet Jennings, Feb. 10, 1852.

127. Jennie, b. May 6, 1861; d. Dec. 13, 1868.

128. Andrew Mygatt, b. May 11, 1865.

85. Ralph, son of Gilbert and Annis Buckingham, m. Elvira, dau. of Sherman Wheaton, niece of Rev. Nathaniel S. Wheaton. D.D. Mr. Buckingham went to

California in 1859, where he remained four years, then returned, and has since been engaged as a farmer on a part of the old Wheaton homestead in Marbledale. He has rendered very important aid in obtaining the account of Marbledale, published in this book.

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| 129. Gilbert Wheaton, b. Oct. 4, 1856; d. Sept. 8, 1864. | 130. Bertha Minerva, b. 131. Ina Juliette. |
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86. Homer, son of Gilbert and Anna Buckingham, m. Adaline, dau. of Wm. Couch. He resides on the homestead of his father and grandfather.

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| 132. Cora Adelaide. | 134. Urania. |
| 133. Ida. | 135. Charlotte. |

BULL, Epaphras W., son of Epaphras and Deborah (Coleman) Bull, was born Jan. 7, 1779, and died at Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1812. He was educated at Yale College, and studied law in Litchfield, Conn. He settled in his profession in Danbury, Conn., and m. Polly, daughter of Thomas Wells of New Milford, Jan. 7, 1804. He entered zealously into politics, being opposed to Federalism; ran for Congress, but was defeated, that party being still in the minority. He removed to Sandusky, Ohio, obtaining from President Madison the appointment of collector of the port; but on the beginning of the war with England in 1812, he removed with his family to Cleveland, where he soon after died. His widow, Polly (Wells) Bull, returned with her children to New Milford, where she died Sept. 27, 1877, at the age of 93 years. (See Biog.) Ch.:

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| 1. Epaphras Wells, b. Apr. 2, 1805; he studied law, and at the age of 25 went South; was reported to have been killed by the Indians in Texas in the war of 1840. His fate was never positively known. | 2. Edward Coleman, b. Aug. 7, 1807. |
| | 3. Emily, b. Sept. 10, 1810; m. Judge David C. Sanford. |

2. Edward C., son of Epaphras W. and Polly Bull, was graduated at Yale College; studied law and was admitted to the bar, but before engaging in his profession his views changed, and he studied for the ministry in the Episcopal Church. His last parish was Rye, N. Y., where he labored eleven years, resigning his clerical duties in 1858 on account of ill health. He m. 1st Anna M. Waite of Westport, Conn., in June, 1847. She died in 1864, and he m. 2d Mary E. Putnam of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in 1867,—a grand niece of Genl. Israel Putnam. In 1872 they removed to Tarrytown, N. Y., where they still reside. They had no children.

BUNNELL, Sergt. Benjamin, m. 1st Hannah —, before settling in N. M. She died Nov. 16, 1716. He m. 2d Patience Miles, Aug. 27, 1717. He died Aug. 20, 1749. He was one of the earliest settlers in New Milford.

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| 1. Rebecca, b. Mar. 8, 1701; m. Ebenezer Bostwick. | 4. Solomon, b. Oct. 27, 1706. |
| 2. Hannah, b. Apr. 11, 1702; m. Nathan Barnum of Danbury. | 5. Gershom, b. May 1, 1708. |
| 3. Benjamin, b. Apr. 28, 1704. | 6. Isaac, b. Aug. 29, 1713. |
| | 7. Keziah, b. Oct. 17, 1717; m. Nathan Hawley. |

BURDIN, Beneldo, and wife Martha, were residents a short time in New Milford.

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| 1. Ann, b. July 4, 1736. | 2. Elizabeth, d. Aug. 11, 1737. |
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BURNHAM, Wolcott, m. Hannah Shove Sturdevant, Jan. 22, 1784.

1. Rhoda, b. Jan. 3, 1785.

BURR, Josiah, m. Eliza Adkins, June 28, 1821; both of Paterson, N. J.

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| 1. Miles, b. June 15, 1822. | 3. Maria, b. Sept. 28, 1825. |
| 2. John, b. Nov. 28, 1823. | |

Burr, Ambrose, born in Monroe, Conn., was the son of William Burr of Fairfield, and afterwards of Southbury, m. 1st Phebe Welton, who died, and he m. 2d Almira Warner, and resides on the plains near the four corners—near Lanesville.

BURRITT, Daniel, m. Sarah Collins, Feb. 8, 1756. He was a blacksmith.

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| 1. Lois, b. Oct. 16, 1756. | 5. Phebe, b. Oct. 6, 1763. |
| 2. Adoniram, b. July 16, 1758. | 6. Esther, b. May 2, 1765. |
| 3. Stephen, b. Nov. 2, 1759. | 7. Urania, b. Feb. 13, 1767. |
| 4. Edmund, b. Dec. 7, 1761. | |

Burrill, Andrew, m. Eunice Welles, Jan. 27, 1763.

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| 1. Molly, b. Nov. 11, 1764. | 3. Hannah, b. Apr. 5, 1771. |
| 2. Truman, b. July 20, 1767. | |

BURWELL, Stephen, and wife "Sabillia." She died Dec. 27, 1769.

1. Henry, b. June 16, 1769.

Camp, First Family.

CAMP, Samuel, came to New Milford in 1717. His home-lot was laid on Poplar Street, now Park Land. He was a mason, and an original proprietor in New Milford, but he sold his first Right of land to John Bostwick, Sen., of Stratford, who was the second settler here. He then made other purchases and sales. There were two Samuel Camps who were original proprietors of New Milford. Rev. S. Griswold's sermon says Samuel Camp had two sons. (See page 66.)

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| 1. David, b. 1700. | 2. James, b. |
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1. David, son of Samuel and ——— Camp, came to New Milford with his father, and m. Sarah Terrill of Woodbury, June 26, 1735. She died Mar. 31, 1737. He m. 2d Deborah Bolt of Norwalk, Apr. 29, 1741. He died Mar. 18, 1782, in his 82d year.

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| 3. Sarah, b. Mar. 28, 1737. | 7. Mary, b. June 14, 1751. |
| 4. Samuel, b. Oct. 23, 1742. | 8. David, b. July 17, 1752. |
| 5. Hepzibah, b. Sept. 8, 1744. | 9. Moses, b. Sept. 3, 1754. |
| 6. Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1747. | 10. Jesse, b. June 7, 1757. |

8. David, son of David Camp, m. Sibyl Smith, Jan. 20, 1774.

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| 11. Sally, b. Apr. 3, 1775. | 12. Samuel, b. Mar. 28, 1777. |
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Camp, Second Family.

CAMP, Enos, Jr., m. Martha Baldwin in Milford, Dec. 25, 1740, and settled in New Milford. He died July 1, 1791.

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| 1. Enos, b. Apr. 3, 1742. | 4. Elisha, b. Aug. 3, 1751. |
| 2. Ann, b. Mar. 25, 1744. | 5. Daniel, b. June 18, 1753. |
| 3. Nathan, b. Jan., 1746. | |

1. Enos, 3d, son of Enos, 2d, and Martha Camp, m. Sarah Botsford, July 5, 1764. She d. Mar. 20, 1765, and he m. 2d Lois Wheeler of Danbury, Mar. 5, 1767, who d. Oct. 29, 1778. He m. 3d Eunice Bostwick, Apr. 13, 1779, who d. Mar. 31, 1813. He d. Dec. 28, 1814, æ. 72.

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| 6. Sarah, b. Feb. 27, 1765. | 10. Gideon, b. Oct. 19, 1778. |
| 7. Samuel, b. Mar. 16, 1768. | 11. Lois, b. |
| 8. Abigail, b. Oct. 30, 1771; d. Jan. 23, 1786. | 12. Enos, b. Jan. 17, 1780. |
| 9. Gideon, b. Oct. 8, 1774; d. Aug. 30, 1777. | |

3. Nathan, son of Enos, 2d, and Martha Camp, m. 1st Sarah Smith, Nov. 11, 1767; m. 2d Esther Bostwick, Dec. 10, 1772. He d. Oct. 26, 1792.

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| 13. Annis, b. May 28, 1775. | 16. Nathan, b. Feb. 18, 1782; settled in Owego. |
| 14. William, b. Apr. 1, 1777; settled in Owego, Tjoga Co., N. Y. | 17. Anson, b. Oct. 17, 1784; settled in Owego. |
| 15. Martha, b. Sept. 22, 1779; m. Isaac Stone. | 18. Hermon, b. Oct. 6, 1787; settled in Ulisses, Seneca Co., N. Y. |

5. **Daniel**, son of Enos, 2d, and Martha Camp, m. Loriania Chittenden, Aug. 13, 1782; resided at Park Lane.

19. Laury, b. Aug. 13, 1784; m. Abner Northrop. 20. Abby, b. Dec. 9, 1789; m. Nathaniel Northrop.

12. **Enos, 4th**, son of Enos, 3d, and Eunice Camp, m. Laura Whittelsey of Washington, Apr. 17, 1804.

21. Samuel Orlando, b. May 6, 1808; d. young. 24. Henry.
22. Rebecca Ann, b. Feb. 26, 1811; m. Grant 25. Eunice; m. Chauncey Marsh.
Northrop. 26. Gideon.
23. Enos Ralph, b. Nov. 28, 1812.

Camp, Third Family.

1. **CAMP, John**, son of Jonah, born in Milford, was a Revolutionary soldier; the fife he used through his term in the war being still preserved and in the possession of his grandson, Mr. Charles B. Camp, and also a silver pipe. He m. Annis, dau. of Thomas Clark, Nov. 15, 1791, and settled on Second hill in N. M.

2. Elijah Judson, b. Aug. 25, 1792. 4. Gerardus Wells, b. May 3, 1799.
3. Nathan Hawley, b. Sept. 9, 1794; d. unm.
Apr. 1, 1867.

2. **Elijah**, son of John and Annis Camp, m. Adeline, dau. of Solomon Northrop, Oct. 19, 1820.

4. **Gerardus W.**, son of John and Annis Camp, m. Abigail, dau. of John Beecher, Oct. 16, 1823. He d. May 21, 1871, æ. 72.

5. Charles Beecher, b. Jan. 11, 1825.

5. **Charles B.**, son of Gerardus and Abigail Camp, m. Maria E., dau. of Daniel Hartwell of Washington, Conn., Oct. 25, 1848. Residence in New Milford village. Ch.:

6. Charles Sherman.

Camp, Israel, m. Anna Hinc, Jan. 13, 1747-8. He died in 1804, in his 82d year. She d. in 1797, æ. 68.

Eunice, b. Nov. 7, 1748.

Camp, Abel, m. Abigail Gould, Dec. 20, 1752.

1. Joel, b. Sept. 21, 1753. 7. Abigail, b. Aug. 2, 1769; d. Jan. 18, 1770.
2. Abel, b. Mar. 17, 1756. 8. Major, b. Jan. 26, 1771.
3. Gould, b. July 22, 1760. 9. Annis, b. May 18, 1773.
4. Annis, b. June 22, 1762. 10. Abigail, b. Apr. 27, 1776.
5. William, b. Mar. 9, 1764. 11. Jared, b. Sept. 20, 1779; d. Jan. 4, 1785.
6. George, b. Jan. 20, 1767.

Camp, Job, m. Anna Oviatt, Feb. 22, 1773.

1. Albert, b. Dec. 28, 1774. 5. "Bille," b. Apr. 7, 1783.
2. Polly, b. Dec. 12, 1776. 6. Clark, b. Mar. 12, 1785.
3. Israel, b. Feb. 5, 1779; d. July 4, 1788. 7. Elijah, b. Nov. 26, 1788.
4. Isaac, b. Jan. 21, 1782. 8. Garry, b. Sept. 12, 1790.

Camp, Rlvertus, m. Huldah Clark, Oct. 10, 1775. She died Feb. 7, 1782, æ. 27. He d. in 1824, æ. 73. His residence was on the plain near Gallows Hill.

1. Rebecca, b. May 28, 1776. 2. Israel, b. Feb. 8, 1782.

1. **CANFIELD, Thomas**, and wife, probably Phebe Crane of Wethersfield. They were in Milford, Conn., as early as 1646; was admitted to the church Mar. 1, 1656. He had a home lot in 1667; was a freeman in 1669; made sergeant of the Train Band in May, 1669; represented the town of Milford in the General Court in October, 1674, and in 1676; was taxed in 1686 on £154. The inventory of his property at his decease, Aug. 22, 1689, was £482 15s. 7d. Ch.:

1. Thomas, b. Oct. 14, 1654; ancestor of the Saybrook and Derby families.
2. Jeremiah, b.
3. Sarah, bapt. Mar. 9, 1656; m. Josiah Platt.
4. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 14, 1659-60; m. Zachariah Baldwin.
5. Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1667.
6. Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1666-7.
7. Phebe, bapt. Mar. 9, 1696.
8. Mehitabel, b. July 2, 1671; m. ——— Pierson.

3. *Jeremiah*, son of Thomas and Phebe Canfield, m. Alice ^{Hine}, and resided in Milford until 1727, when he settled in New Milford. In the list of original proprietors in New Milford his name stands number 99, and his brother Thomas 40. He purchased three Rights of land in this town at one time, much of which was laid out when he bought it, and these were additional to the one he owned as an original proprietor. His wife Alice died Jan. 4, 1739-40, and he died Mar. 18, 1739-40. (See page 130.) Ch.:

9. Jeremiah.
10. Azariah, b.
11. Alice; m. Josiah Bassett, Apr. 25, 1707.
12. Zeruah; m. Daniel Terrill, Dec. 12, 1706.
13. Mary, bapt. Apr. 9, 1699.
14. Samuel, b. 1701.
15. Thomas, b. Sept. 16, 1704.
16. Jemima, b. in 1706; m. John Bostwick of New Milford.
17. Zerubbabel, bapt. Sept. 25, 1709.
18. Joseph, bapt. ——— 17, 1711-12.

10. *Azariah*, son of Jeremiah and Alice Canfield, m. Mary, dau. of ———. Baldwin, Feb. 26, 1719-20. He settled in N. M. about 1728, and was one of the committee who built the first bridge over the Great River in 1737. (See page 426.) Ch.:

19. Azariah, bapt. June 22, 1729, in N. M.
20. Free love, b. Dec. 29, 1726; m. Ebenezer Lacey, Dec. 15, 1748.
21. Oliver, b. Dec. 25, 1729.
22. Israel, b. Mar. 13, 1733.

14. *Canfield, Dea. Samuel*, son of Jeremiah and Alice Canfield, m. Abigail Peck, June 1, 1725. He died Dec. 14, 1754, æ. 52 years. His widow Abigail died Sept. 14, 1764, æ. 64. (See page 128.) Ch.:

24. Samuel, b. Apr. 5, 1726.
25. Abigail, b. Aug. 10, 1728; m. ——— Judson.
26. Hannah, b. Dec. 5, 1730; d. May 14, 1737.
27. Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1732; m. Benajah Stone, Nov. 19, 1755.
28. Ann, b. Mar. 31, 1735.
29. Jeremiah, b. Aug. 20, 1737; +
30. John, bapt. Nov. 30, 1740; +
31. Heth, b. Jan. 7, 1742-3; +

17. *Zerubbabel*, son of Jeremiah and Alice Canfield, came to N. M. and m. Mary, dau. of John Bostwick, 1st, July 26, 1731. He died Aug. 18, 1770. (See p. 426.) He had a Sabbath-Day house in 1745, and hence may then have been living in Bridgewater, part of New Milford. It is said that his father put up the frame for a house on the second lot of the original "Town Plat," adjoining to the home-lot of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, on the south, and that he died soon after the frame was put up, and afterwards it was taken down and removed to Bridgewater, and was made the first dwelling-house of Zerubbabel Canfield in that part of the town. The father, Jeremiah Canfield, Sen., died Jan. 4, 1740, and therefore Zerubbabel may have settled in Bridgewater in 1741 or 2. This Zerubbabel Canfield's first house is still remembered, and stood near the present residence of Mr. Egbert B. Canfield. Ch.:

314. Sarah, b. Mar. 10, 1733-4; bapt. in N. M., Sept. 22, 1734.
315. Betty, b. Oct. 1, 1735; d. Aug. 25, 1736.
32. Ann, b. Sept. 1, 1737; d. Jan. 23, 1770.
33. Nathan, b. July 28, 1739.
34. Enos, b. Feb. 8, 1741-2; d. Dec. 10, 1761.
35. Lemuel, b. Jan. 31, 1743-4.
36. Hannah, b. July 2, 1746.
37. Daniel, b. Nov. 28, 1749; d. Aug. 18, 1770, same day with his father, and both buried in one grave.

18. *Capt. Joseph*, son of Jeremiah and Alice Canfield, m. Jerusha, dau. of Benjamin Bostwick, 1st, Jan. 15, 1736-7. He died Sept. 25, 1776, in 66th year.

She died Oct. 23, 1803, in her 88th year. He was a Captain in the French War in 1755. (See page 226.) Ch.:

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| 38. Joseph, b. Jan. 27, 1737-8. | 41. Rhoda, b. Mar. 17, 1747-8; m. Edward Bennitt. |
| 39. Isaac, b. Nov. 1, 1740. | |
| 40. Eunice, b. June 18, 1745; never m.; d. June, 1812, æ. 68. | |

19. Azariah, Jr., son of Azariah and Mary Canfield, m. Mary, dau. of Nathan Hine, May 7, 1763. He removed to Starksboro, Vt. Ch.:

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| 42. Jerusha, b. Oct. 12, 1763. | 46. Nathaniel, b. June 28, 1773. |
| 43. Margaret, b. Mar. 31, 1765. | 47. Rachel, b. Mar. 26, 1776. |
| 44. Susannah, b. May 19, 1768. | 48. Mary, b. May 11, 1778. |
| 45. Bennjah, b. Oct. 21, 1771. | |

21. Oliver, son of Azariah and Mary Canfield, m. Tabitha Roberts, Mar. 6, 1755.

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| 49. Oliver; m. Sarah Bradley. | 51. Peter. |
| 50. Freelove; m. Josiah Bass, Jan. 27, 1791. | 52. Eli; d. young. |

22. Israel, son of Azariah and Mary Canfield, m. Mary Sackett, Apr. 6, 1758. He removed to Arlington, Vt., about 1775. He was drafted to go to the rescue of Fort William Henry in 1756. Ch.:

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| 53. Mary, b. June 11, 1758. | 59. Sackett, b. May 19, 1774; d. young. |
| 54. Israel, b. Feb. 2, 1761. | 60. Sackett, b. Aug. 16, 1777. |
| 55. Catharine, b. Mar. 29, 1764. | 61. John, b. Apr. 17, 1782; d. June 6, 1792. |
| 56. Sylvanus, b. Aug. 11, 1765. | 62. Isaac, b. Apr. 17, 1783. |
| 57. Urania, b. May 29, 1768. | 63. Nathaniel, b. Apr. 14, 1785. |
| 58. Anne, b. Oct. 3, 1771. | 64. Anson, b. 1788. |

24. Col. Samuel, 1st, son of Samuel and Abigail Canfield, m. Elizabeth Judson of Woodbury, June 5, 1755. He died Aug. 17, 1799, æ. 73 years. She died Aug. 4, 1801, in her 69th year. (See page 273.) He was a Colonel in the Revolution, and was stationed one winter at West Point under Genl. McDougal.

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| 65. Samuel, b. Jan. 30, 1756.+ | 70. Asher, b. Dec. 12, 1768. |
| 66. Judson, b. Jan. 23, 1759.+ | 71. Hermon, b. May 19, 1771. |
| 67. Philo, b. June 13, 1762.+ | 72. Laura, b. Aug. 25, 1773; m. Stephen Chittenden, a lawyer of Kent, May 3, 1797. |
| 68. Ithamar, b. Feb. 19, 1764.+ | 73. Rebecca, b. Aug., 1777; m. Doct. Ebenezer Lowry. |
| 69. Huldah, b. Apr. 19, 1766; m. Genl. Augustine Taylor. | |

29. Ens. Jeremiah, son of Samuel and Abigail Canfield, m. Mary Everton, Mar. 7, 1759. He m. 2d widow Abigail Oviatt, Nov. 30, 1785. He died Mar. 21, 1791, aged 54 years.

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| 74. John, b. Feb. 18, 1760. | 77. Betsey, b. Mar. 10, 1769; m. Peter Wooster. |
| 75. Abigail, b. Mar. 21, 1762; m. Abijah Treat. | 78. Jeremiah, b. Feb. 10, 1774. |
| 76. Polly, b. July 11, 1765. | |

30. Hon. John, son of Samuel and Abigail Canfield, m. probably in Sharon. He was elected to the U. S. Senate, but died before taking his seat in that body, Oct. 26, 1786, aged 46 years. Ch.:

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| 79. Laura; m. Hon. Ambrose Spencer. | 82. Alma, | } triplets, { m. Gen. Elisha Sterling of Salisbury. | |
| 80. Annis; m. Andrew Adams of Litchfield, Apr. 25, 1785. | 83. Almira, | | } m. Elisha Duell. |
| 81. Eunice; m. Dr. Samuel Rockwell. | 84. Isabella, | | |
| | 85. John M. | | |

31. Heth, son of Samuel and Abigail Canfield, m.

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| 86. Anna; m. Daniel Clark, Nov. 2, 1785. | 90. Lawrence.+ |
| 87. Clara; m. Benjamin De Forest, Dec. 31, 1788. | 91. Alanson. |
| 88. Rachel. | 92. Eunice; m. Nathan Clark, Mar. 17, 1 |
| 89. Esther. | 93. Heth.+ |

33. Nathan, son of Zerubbabel and Mary Canfield, m. Lois Hard, Nov. 14, 1765. He m. 2d Betsey Burton.

94. Lucinda, b. Aug. 7, 1768; d. June 8, 1813.

95. Enos, b. Apr. 7, 1770; m. Polly Beers of Newtown; d. in Vt.

96. Anna.

97. Parthena.

98. Nathan; d. Jan. 10, 1820.

99. Cyrus; d. Mar. 28, 1829.

100. Albert, b. Nov. 9, 1780.

101. Anson, b. Nov. 14, 1786; d. Dec. 7, 1860.

102. Orlando, b.; d. Nov. 15, 1813, unm.

103. Samuel, b. Jan. 2, 1792; d. Sept. 28, 1840.

104. Galen; d. June 10, 1862, æ. 66.

105. Aurilla; d. Jan. 2, 1802.

106. Betsey; is living in Vt.

35. Lemuel, son of Zerubbabel and Mary Canfield, m. Sarah Burton, Feb. 10, 1774. He lived on his father's homestead in Bridgewater.

107. Daniel, b. Oct. 29, 1774.

108. Ann, b. July 26, 1776; m. Ephraim Munson;

removed to Manchester, Vt., and d. July 3, 1807.

109. Burton, b. Feb. 28, 1778.

110. Charles A., b. Sept. 24, 1781; d. May 2, 1782.

111. Augustine, b. Jan. 15, 1784.

112. Lemuel, b. Mar. 26, 1787.

113. Orlando, b. Apr. 4, 1794.

38. Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Jerusha Canfield, m. Sarah Brush, Dec. 3, 1770. He, his wife, and one daughter died of small-pox in 1803, and were buried in the lot east of Mark Hatch's residence in Bridgewater.

114. Joel, b. Dec. 23, 1771.

116. Sally.

115. Jerusha, b. May 12, 1774; m. Samuel Lockwood.

117. Anna.

39. Isaac, son of Capt. Joseph and Jerusha Canfield, m. Hannah Lamson, Dec. 18, 1771. He died Nov. 4, 1779, aged 38 years. His widow m. Thomas Downs, Ch.:

118. Esther, b. Sept. 20, 1772; d. Jan. 20, 1791.

120. Anne, b. Mar. 28, 1779; m. Wm. Prime; d. in South Britain; Mar. 27, 1851.

119. Sarah, b. Aug. 10, 1777.

65. Samuel, son of Col. Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, became a merchant in Sharon, Conn.

121. Betsey; m. — Nelson.

123. Cornelia; m. Israel Camp.

122. Anna Maria; m. Dr. Lowry.

124. Jay.

66. Judson, son of Col. Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, m. Mabel Ruggles, Mar. 5, 1786. He was graduated at Yale College in 1782; was at West Point as clerk for his father in the Revolution; began business as a lawyer in New Milford, but upon the death of his uncle John Canfield, he removed to Sharon; took his uncle's place there as a lawyer in the winter of 1786-7; had a very lucrative practice for about 25 years; was judge of the Court of Common Pleas three or four years; removed to N. Y. in 1815. The remainder of his life was spent partly in Ohio and partly in New York city.

125. Henry J.

127. Elizabeth H.

126. Julia E.

128. Caroline E.

67. Philo, son of Col. Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, m. Mary Parsons Clark, Jan. 1, 1783. She was born Mar. 10, 1765. He died Mar. 11, 1827, æ. 65. She died Oct. 21, 1846, æ. 83 years.

129. Ransom Clark, b. Sept. 7, 1783.

132. Mary, b. Nov. 4, 1791; m. Fairchild Wildman.

130. Avis, b. July 8, 1786; m. Joel Northrop.

133. Evelina, } twins, b. { m. Newton Platt.

131. Sally, b. Jan. 25, 1789.

134. Elvira, } Jan. 31, 1796; } m. Wm. Small.

68. Ithamar, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, m. Betsey, dau. of Col. Josiah Starr, Sept. 25, 1787. He was a merchant for many years in the old long house opposite Mr. Henry W. Booth's residence in the village. He died April 11, 1848. (See page 498.)

135. A daughter, b. and d. Sept. 8, 1788.

138. Royal I., b. Apr. 3, 1794; m. 1st Lucretia C.

136. Samuel, b. Nov. 12, 1789; d. June 22, 1824.

Harmon of Burlington, Vt., Oct. 10, 1822;

137. Betsey, b. Feb. 8, 1792; m. Walter Booth.

m. 2d a sister of his first wife.

70. Asher, son of Col. Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, m. Thalia, dau. of Lazarus Ruggles, and was a merchant with his brother Ithamar in New Milford, some years (see page 498), and in 1794 removed to New York city. He left that city and arrived at Buenos Ayres, South America, Dec. 25, 1819, where he remained about six months, and in consequence of the Revolution prevailing there went to Montevideo, where he remained some years. He then purchased a place on the River Uruguay, where he kept cattle, according to the custom there, on the Estamia, on an immense farm called the Calera Decamacho. He died at Colonia, a province of Montevideo, in 1840. His widow Thalia died in Poughkeepsie, Oct. 2, 1856. Ch.:

139. Richard Samuel; d. aged 48.

140. Frederick Hermon; m.

71. Hermon, son of Col. Samuel and Elizabeth Canfield, m. Fetia Bostwick; removed to Medina, Ohio.

141. William H.

143. Cornelia.

142. Elizabeth.

144. Hermon B.

78. Jeremiah, 3d, son of Ens. Jeremiah and Mary Canfield, m. Polly Bennett of Bridgewater. He died Apr. 19, 1828. She died Jan. 1, 1849.

145. Elijah Herbert; m. Priscilla Peck; d. Sept. 30, 1824.

147. Rhoda; m. Martin Goldsmith.

148. Sally.

146. Judson; m. Caroline Terrill, Oct. 24, 1824.

90. Lawrence, son of Heth Canfield, m., had ch.:

149. Heth, b. July 12, 1841.

151. Mary.

150. Urania.

93. Heth, Jr., son of Heth Canfield, m. Jerusha Odell, Sept. 30, 1807. He died June 3, 1832. She was born Jan. 30, 1812, and died in 1875, at West Stratford. Ch.:

152. Sarah Maria; m. Van Rensselaer Giddings.

155. Harry; removed to Kansas.

153. Alanson; a sea captain.

156. Bruce; died at Pike's Peak.

154. Nelson; followed the sea many years, and was a merchant in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

157. Lawrence.

107. Daniel, son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, m. Rebecca Warner, Oct. 12, 1803. He lived on his grandfather's homestead in Bridgewater, where his son Egbert B. now resides. He died Sept. 4, 1853. She died in 1856.

158. Anna Jennett, b. Oct. 29, 1807; m. Henry Sanford.

159. Egbert Burton, b. Aug. 20, 1815.†

109. Burton, son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, m. Polly Mitchell of Southbury, Apr. 1, 1802. He died Jan. 10, 1848. She died Jan. 10, 1861.

160. Harriet, b. Dec. 27, 1802; m. Anson Bradley, Feb. 1, 1824. She died in 1879. They had

161. Mitchell Monroe, b. Mar. 29, 1809.†

Lemuel C.; Burton C.; Polly Ann; Sarah Eliza.

162. Lemuel Munson, b. Apr. 29, 1820.†

111. Augustine, son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, m. Betsey, dau. of John Canfield, Oct. 25, 1807. He removed to Wakeman, Ohio, in 1817, being the first family in that settlement, where he died Sept. 16, 1848. She died Feb. 5, 1861. While in Bridgewater he was a member of the "troop of horse," being uniformed with blue coat and buff pantaloons. He removed to Ohio with an ox-team and horse ahead of the oxen, and was on the road 28 days.

163. Calvert Carlon, b. Jan., 1809.

165. Sarah, b. Apr. 10, 1813.

164. Royal Randolph, b. Apr. 25, 1811; a physician in N. C.

166. Caroline, b. July 20, 1815.

167. Burton Monroe, b. Apr. 18, 1818.

112. Lemuel, Jr., son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, m. Betsey Mitchell

Aug. 30, 1807, who died June 25, 1810. He m. 2d Betsey Hinman, in 1814, who d. July 3, 1873. He died Mar. 15, 1817.

168. Jerome, b. Mar. 26, 1808; d. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1872.

113. Orlando, son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, had ch. :

169. Charles Burton.

172. Augustine Royal.

170. Mary Munson.

173. Julius Orlando.

171. Sarah Theresa Dow.

174. Julia Octavia.

129. Ransom C., son of Philo and Mary Canfield, m. Lucretia Burroughs. He died in Bridgeport, Aug. 22, 1850. He was a merchant many years.

175. Philo (Rev.), b. Dec. 11, 1816.

178. Elvira, b. Nov. 11, 1824.

176. Charles H., b. Oct. 23, 1818; was an Episcopal minister.

177. Maria Louisa, b. Feb. 3, 1821.

179. Royal Ithamar, b. June 20, 1829; d. in San Francisco, Cal., Apr. 7, 1853.

136. Col. Samuel, son of Ithamar and Betsey Canfield, m. Rebecca M., dau. of Col. Wm. Taylor.

180. Catharine; m. Joel W. Northrop.

184. Harriet; m. Frederick Boardman.

181. Helen; m. Egbert Marsh.

185. Rebecca M.; m. 1st George Lockwood; 2d Frank Platt.

182. Eliza; d. young.

183. Caroline; m. Andrew B. Mygatt.

138. Royal I., son of Ithamar and Betsey Canfield, m. 1st Lucretia Harmon; he m. 2d Jane Harmon.

159. Egbert B., son of Daniel and Rebecca Canfield, m. Eliza Brown, Dec. 7, 1840. He resides on the old Zerubbabel Canfield place, a successful farmer, and whose memory is so good that by it many interesting items have been added to this history. Farming and buying and selling cattle has not ruined his memory, a fortunate thing for this book. Ch. :

186. Daniel.†

187. Anna Rebecca; m. James H. Stewart, Mar. 23, 1876; had Anna, Egbert, and Robbie.

161. Mitchell M., son of Burton and Polly Canfield, m. Eliza J. Averill, Nov. 24, 1830; resides in Southbury, Conn.

188. Averill Burton.

189. Henry Monroe.

162. Lemuel M., son of Burton and Polly Canfield, m. Emeline Northrop, Mar. 16, 1843, and died Sept. 5, 1854.

190. Harriet Elizabeth; d. Aug. 18, 1870.

191. Sarah Eleanor; m. Otis S. Northrop.

186. Daniel, son of Egbert B. and Eliza Canfield, m. Ophelia Peck, and resides with his father.

192. Burton Egbert.

193. Sherman Peck.

188. Averill B., son of Mitchell M. and Emeline Canfield, m. Allis S. Angvine of New Preston. He is a graduate of Amherst College; and by his research for many years, this record of the Canfield family is far more complete than it otherwise would have been. Ch. :

194. Cornelia.

195. Robert M.

189. Henry M., son of Mitchell M. and Emeline Canfield, m. Alice R. Hayes of Bethlehem. He was consul to Greece, some years from 1861. Ch. :

196. Burton Hayes.

199. Harriet Maria.

197. Lucy Averill.

200. Samuel Munson.

198. Harry Horace.

CANFIELD, SECOND FAMILY.

9. Canfield, Jeremiah, Jr., son of Jeremiah and Alice Canfield, m. Judith Mallory of Milford, July 14, 1711. He was residing in Milford in 1748, when he deeded land to his son, David Canfield.

201. Jeremiah, b. June 7, 1712; d. young. 204. David, b. Mar. 7, 1725-6.
202. Phebe, b. Jan. 29, 1715-16; m. — Smith. 205. Mehitable, b. June 19, 1729.
203. Mary, b. June 30, 1719; m. — Collins.

204. David, son of Jeremiah, Jr., and Judith Canfield, m. Mary Northrop of Milford, Oct. 3, 1745. In 1748 his father, Jeremiah, Jr., gave him the half right of land in New Milford which he, Jeremiah, Jr., had received from his father, Jeremiah, Sen. Some of this land was laid out for David in the Neck. In 1754, May 8, David purchased of Job "Goold" the half of 142 acres, with a dwelling-house and barn, on Second Hill, for £2,000, old tenor, and he probably settled on this farm that spring, and remained there ten or fifteen years. By a deed, we learn that he was living on Long Mountain in 1772, and had probably been there several years. He was, as near as has been ascertained, the first settler on Long Mountain at the homestead still known as the Abel Canfield place, near the burying-ground. When he first settled there he found his way through the woods by marked trees, there being no road to his land. He was made freeman in New Milford in 1755. He d. Jan. 26, 1806, and his widow, Mary, d. in October, 1809.

206. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1746; m. Robert Nichols. 212. John.
207. David. 213. Northrop.
208. Abel, b. in 1752. 214. Amos.
209. Andrew. 215. Mehitable.
210. Elijah. 216. Eunice.
211. Ira. 217. Jeremiah; removed to Pike, Bradford Co., Pa.

207. David, Jr., son of David, Sen., and Mary Canfield, m. Sarah Gray, Aug. 4, 1772.

218. Esther, b. June 21, 1773; m. Amos Prindle. 219. Phebe, b. Dec. 25, 1775; m. David Edwards.

208. Abel, son of David, Sen., and Mary Canfield, m. Rebecca, dau. of David Beardslee, July 11, 1773. He resided on his father's homestead on Long Mountain, and d. June 11, 1831.

220. Tamar, b. Feb. 16, 1775; m. Wm. R. Phelps, June 2, 1793. 222. Clara, bapt. May 4, 1777; d. Nov. 22, 1849, æ. 72.
221. Abel, b. June 11, 1779+. 223. Homer, b. Feb. 2, 1788+.

210. Elijah, son of David, Sen., and Mary Canfield, m., and late in life removed to Palmyra, O. Ch.:

224. Anna; m. Homer Gaylord. 226. Phebe.
225. Betsey; m. Wm. Hallock, May 12, 1804.

211. Ira, son of David, Sen., and Mary Canfield, m. Rhoda Edwards. He d. Jan., 1824. Ch.:

227. Aurilla. 231. Salmon.
228. Ira; m. Harriet Peet, July 25, 1824. 232. Leman.
229. Prudence. 233. Moses; m. Hannah Lake, Sept. 24, 1832.
230. Susannah.

212. John, son of David and Mary Canfield, m. Phebe, dau. of John Treat, Mar. 6, 1781. She d. Mar. 3, 1801, in her 38th year. He d. Feb. 21, 1814, in his 55th year. He lived in Bridgewater part of New Milford. He m. 2d, Mrs. Polly Treat Betts.

234. John E., b. Mar. 10, 1782; d. Dec., 1824, æ. 42. 239. Alva Treat, b. Jan. 14, 1791; d. Feb. 17, 1821, in her 31st year.
235. Infant; d. Dec. 4, 1783. 240. Calvert, b. June 3, 1793+.
236. Amasa, b. Jan. 16, 1785; m. Nancy Randall; d. Jan. 3, 1861, in his 76th year. 241. Laura, b. Jan. 19, 1796; m. Roswell Morris of Newtown. She d. Dec. 29, 1872.
237. Mary, b. Mar. 6, 1787; m. Doct. Reuben Warner, and died Nov. 5, 1842. 242. Arza, b. Dec. 19, 1799+.
238. Betsey, b. Mar. 15, 1789; m. Augustine Canfield, Oct. 25, 1807; d. Feb. 25, 1861, in her 72d year. 243. George, b. Nov. 15, 1803; m. Cornelia H. Beecher, Aug. 15, 1824.
244. Phebe.
245. Louisa.

221. Abel 2d, son of Abel, Sen., and Rebecca Canfield, m. Phebe Prince, Apr. 11, 1804. He d. May 27, 1869, æ. 90. He resided on the homestead of his father and grandfather on Long Mountain.

246. William N., b. Mar. 13, 1805.

247. Alanson N., b. Oct. 6, 1807.

248. Jane A., b. July 1, 1809.

249. Ralph E., b. Dec. 1, 1812.

250. Rebecca S., b. Apr. 11, 1823; m. Merritt Beach.

223. Homer, son of Abel, Sen., and Rebecca Canfield, m. Polly Hallock.

251. Eveline.

252. Emily; m. Robert Irwin; had Mary Eliza.

253. Mary.

240. Doct. Culvert, son of John and Phebe Canfield, m. Lucy, dau. of Benjamin Mead, Apr. 18, 1816, and removed to Pleasant Valley, near Poughkeepsie, where he practiced medicine. He d. Aug. 11, 1860, æ. 67 years. Ch.:

254. Darwin, { twins.

255. Edward, {

m. 2d, — Chambers; resides in West Haven.

256. Mary Frances; m. 1st, Rev. — Rouse; 257. Culvert.

242. Doct. Arza, son of John and Phebe Canfield, m. Harriet Chamberlin, and practiced medicine in Brookfield, where he d. Nov. 7, 1826.

246. William N., son of Abel 2d and Phebe Canfield, m. Martha A. Platt, Apr. 8, 1835. She d. June 7, 1872. He m. 2d, Mrs. Ruth G. Fuller, Oct. 15, 1875. She was the daughter of John Denio, and granddaughter of Ezra Stiles, Jr., son of President Stiles of Yale College.

258. William Edwin, b. Oct. 16, 1836; m. Mary Hubbell; resides in Bridgeport, Ct.; had William L. and Walter E.

259. George Nelson, b. July 24, 1838; m. Caroline Noble.

260. Frederick Asa, b. Feb. 16, 1854; resides in Dakota.

247. Alanson N., son of Abel 2d and Phebe Canfield, m. Mercy, dau. of Daniel Lines, Mar. 29, 1837. He resides in New Milford village, retired from business.

261. Eliza C.; m. Horatio N. Smith, Jan. 17, 1860.

He d. Aug. 31, 1862. She resides with her father.

CARPENTER, John, m. Elizabeth —.

1. John, b. May 20, 1774.

2. Benson, b. Dec. 19, 1775.

3. William, b. Aug. 31, 1777.

4. Joshua, b. Feb. 24, 1780.

5. Benjamin, b. Nov. 21, 1782.

6. Barney, b. Oct. 16, 1784.

7. Doctor Barney, b. Oct. 23, 1785.

8. Elizabeth, b. July 16, 1788.

9. Henry, b. July 8, 1791.

CARRINGTON, Doct. Riverius, m. Penelope, dau. of Rev. Daniel Boardman, July 7, 1742.

1. Daniel, b. Apr. 23, 1743; d. Dec. 1, 1757.

2. Anna Willmut, b. May 21, 1745; m.

Thomas Hayce.

3. Salmon, b. Dec. 18, 1747.

3. Carrington, Salmon, married Rebecca Sacket of Westfield, Nov. 6, 1771.

4. Sarah, b. Aug. 13, 1772.

5. Daniel, b. July 27, 1774; d. Sept. 1, 1777.

6. Penelope, b. Dec. 13, 1776; d. Nov. 5, 1777.

7. Rebecca, b. Mar. 28, 1779; d. May 12, 1780.

8. Anna, b. Aug. 11, 1781; d. Dec. 29, 1781.

9. Rhoda, b. Oct. 31, 1783.

Carrington, Doct. John, m. Susannah Noble, June 16, 1756.

1. John, b. Apr. 14, 1757; d. Nov. 8, 1757.

2. Daniel Noble, b. Mar. 8, 1759; was a physician in Danbury.

3. Polephema, b. Nov. 14, 1760; m. in Lee, Mass.

4. Eunice, b. 1762, about; m. Col. Reuben Warner.

5. Susanna, bapt. July, 1764; m. Doct. Lemuel Thomas; had Elizabeth, Morton; removed to Stillwater, N. Y.

CASWELL, Josiah, m. Abigail Kinne, Aug. 13, 1751.

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| 1. Ann, b. Apr. 13, 1752. | 4. Eli, b. Sept. 24, 1757. |
| 2. Daniel, b. Apr. 14, 1754. | 5. Julius, b. Sept. 19, 1759. |
| 3. Mary, b. Dec. 18, 1755. | |

CHANDLER, Simeon and wife, Eunice.

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| 1. Eunice, b. June 22, 1762. | 3. Ozias, b. Mar. 12, 1768. |
| 2. Ruby, b. Apr. 13, 1766. | |

COFFMAN, Frederic, came from Germany, and married his wife Barsheba in New York State. He settled on Andrew Ives's farm in Bridgewater in 1856, where he is engaged as a farmer. He was engaged many years as a hatter for Glover, Sandford & Co. His wife's daughter, Phebe Jane, m. ——— Carpenter, and resides in Brookfield, Conn.

1. **COGSWELL, Jehu**, and his wife, Elizabeth Thompson, came from Westbury, county of Wilts, England, in 1635, and settled in Ipswich, Mass. His son William m. Susanna ———; his grandson William m. Martha Emmerson, and was the father of Edward, who removed to Preston, New London Co., Conn., and thence to New Preston.

2. **Edward**, son of the 2d William and Martha Cogswell, m. Hannah Brown, and resided in Ipswich, Mass., until after the birth of their youngest child, when they removed to Preston, Conn., about 1735 or 6, where they remained nine or ten years. He bought land in New Milford, North Purchase, Sept. 19, 1745. This was the 33d lot "in the south tier of lots." In 1746 he bought another piece, and in 1747 he was residing there, where is now the village of New Preston. He became an influential citizen of New Milford, and d. Apr. 17, 1773, in his 81st year. His wife, Hannah, d. June 5, 1771, in her 81st year. Ch.:

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| 3. Samuel, b. in 1710. | 9. Martha, b. ; d. in infancy. |
| 4. Edward, d. young. | 10. Lucy, b. |
| 5. Nathaniel, b. in 1714; said to have remained at Preston. | 11. Martha; d. in infancy. |
| 6. Judith, b. in 1717. | 12. Martha. |
| 7. Hannah. | 13. Elizabeth. |
| 8. John, b. in 1721. | 14. Emerson. |
| | 15. William, b. Dec. 22, 1734. |

3. **Samuel**, son of Edward and Hannah Cogswell, m. Lydia Starkweather, before he came to New Preston. On the 9th of June, 1746, he purchased lots 30 and 31, in North Purchase, now New Preston, for £300, old tenor, and settled there that year, for in April, 1747, he was residing there. He bought and sold many pieces of land within a few years. He is said to have had three wives and nineteen children, but the following only have been ascertained. Ch.:

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| 16. Lydia. | 21. Asa. |
| 17. Mary. | 22. Hannah. |
| 18. Anna. | 23. Samuel, b. in 1743. |
| 19. Edward, b. 1735. | 24. Joel, b. Aug. 19, 1747. |
| 20. John, b. in 1736. | 25. Submit (son), bapt. July 26, 1752. |

14. **Emerson**, son of Edward and Hannah Cogswell, m. Mary, dau. of Joseph Miles, Aug. 29, 1751, in New Preston. In 1752 he bought lot 37—64 acres and a dwelling-house, and paid for it with one-half of the Iron Works at New Preston.

15. **Maj. William**, son of Edward and Hannah Cogswell, m. Anne Whittlesey, Nov. 4, 1762. In August, 1756, he bought of his father 90 acres where now Mr. Gould C. Whittlesey resides, which was his homestead until his decease. In the house now standing, now the residence of Mr. G. C. Whittlesey, Washington is

said to have been entertained over night while on his way to Hartford in the Revolution.

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| 26. Roger, b. July 25 (T. Rec. 24), 1763; m. Sally Johnson of Southbury, Mar. 12, 1786. | 30. Stephen, b. Sept. 1, 1771. He was Captain. |
| 27. Hannah, b. Mar. 15, 1765; m. Nathan Tibballs; removed to near Auburn, N. Y. | 31. Anna, b. Dec. 7, 1774; d. July 31, 1776. |
| 28. Dolly, b. May 22, 1767; m. Stephen Branch. | 32. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 18, 1776. |
| 29. William, b. July 22, 1769. He was Colonel. | 33. Anna, b. Oct. 5, 1778; m. Roger Averill. |
| | 34. Emerson, b. Mar. 30, 1781. |
| | 35. John, b. Dec. 1, 1783; m.; res. Auburn, N. Y. |

18. Edward, son of Samuel and Lydia Cogswell, m. Jane, dau. of — Owen, Apr. 17, 1758, in New Milford.

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| 36. Lydia, b. Nov. 18, 1760. | 39. Daniel. |
| 37. Hannah, b. Sept. 22, 1762. | 40. Ruel, b. in 1769. |
| 38. Molly, b. Sept. 4, 1764. | |

40. Ruel, son of Edward and Jane Cogswell, m. Rhoda Smith. His will was dated in 1826.

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| 41. Riley, b. Jan. 28, 1792. | 47. Ruel, b. July 30, 1805. |
| 42. Charles, b. July 4, 1793. | 48. Nancy, b. Feb. 8, 1809. |
| 43. Hannah, b. Nov. 23, 1794. | 49. Lydia, b. Oct. 3, 1811. |
| 44. Avis, b. Aug. 28, 1797. | 50. George W., b. Apr. 2, 1813. |
| 45. Lucretia, b. Jan. 7, 1801. | 51. Mercy, b. Oct. 11, 1815. |
| 46. Elisha, b. July 9, 1803. | |

50. George W., son of Riley and Rhoda Cogswell, m. 1st, Lydia Ann Potter, Sept. 7, 1846, who was b. Sept. 26, 1820, and d. Apr. 23, 1852. He m. 2d, Eliza Ann Baldwin, Jan. 4, 1853. He d. Mar. 7, 1879. Ch.:

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| 52. George G., b. Sept. 27, 1847; d. May 18, 1850. | 53. Fillmore, b. Nov. 30, 1850. |
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COLE, Nathaniel, m. Abigail Oviatt, July 21, 1771.

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| 1. Sarah, b. Jan. 13, 1772. | 3. Andrew, b. Aug. 8, 1775. |
| 2. Anselm, b. Sept. 28, 1773. | |

Cole, John, m. Abigail Wood, Oct. 20, 1785.

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| 1. Edmund, b. Oct. 24, 1786. | 3. Martin, b. Dec. 14, 1791. |
| 2. Ira D., b. Oct. 6, 1790. | |

Cole, Jesse, m. Eunice Wilkinson, Feb. 8, 1783.

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| 1. Paulina, b. Oct. 8, 1784. | 2. Ichabod, b. Sept. 8, 1786. |
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Cole, Timothy, m. Sarah Bulkley, Jan. 11, 1779.

Hannah, b. Aug. 30, 1779.

Cole, David, m. Mary Fox of Hartford, May 2, 1790.

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| 1. Rachel, b. Jan. 2, 1792. |
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COLLINS, Nathan, and wife Phebe, came to New Milford. She died Nov. 16, 1758, and he m. 2d, Ann Stevens of N. M., Apr. 8, 1759.

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| 1. Phebe, b. Aug. 6, 1730. | 3. Daniel, b. June 24, 1739. |
| 2. Sarah, b. May 1, 1733. | |

3. Collins, Daniel, m. Hannah Hotchkiss, Mar. 11, 1767.

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| 4. Nathan, b. Apr. 6, 1770. | 8. David, b. Mar. 2, 1777. |
| 5. Daniel, b. Oct. 28, 1771. | 9. Hannah, } b. Nov. 8, 1779. |
| 6. Phebe, b. Oct. 19, 1773. | 10. Edmund, } |
| 7. Hannah, b. June 30, 1775; d. Aug. 16, 1777. | |

Collins, Japheth, m. Abigail Bostwick, Mar. 28, 1734.

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| 1. Edward, b. July 25, 1736. | 2. Ruth, b. Feb. 28, 1738-9. |
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1. Edward, son of Japheth and Abigail Collins, m. Ruth Blakeslee, June 15, 1763.

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| 2. Enos, b. Mar. 5, 1764. | 4. Japheth, b. July 26, 1767. |
| 3. Abigail, b. Aug. 24, 1765. | |

1. *Collins, Amos*, m. Prudence Noble, May 10, 1741. She died Jan. 23, 1804. He died May 30, 1778.

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| 2. Jonathan, bapt. Sept. 20, 1741. | years, and fell in the belfry and was killed July 11, 1792, æ. 46. |
| 3. Hannah, b. Mar. 11, 1743; m. Asahel Hitchcock. | 5. Prudence, bapt. Aug. 11, 1751. |
| 4. Amos, b. Nov. 1, 1745; unm., and blind in consequence of having the small-pox. He rang the bell in the Cong. church many | 6. Stephen, b. Nov. 1, 1754; prob. m. June 23, 1781, Dolly Olmsted. |

COMSTOCK, John, m. Deborah Welch, Dec. 14, 1743. He died Aug. 24, 1798. He was quite influential and active as a citizen, and also his descendants after him.

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| 1. Sarah, b. Nov. 12, 1747. | 5. Lucinda, b. Aug. 6, 1758. |
| 2. Deborah, b. Mar. 16, 1750; d. Apr. 24, 1753. | 6. Samuel, b. Feb. 16, 1762. |
| 3. Frances, b. July 14, 1752. | 7. Anson, b. June 13, 1764. |
| 4. Deborah, b. Nov. 5, 1755; m. David Beard. | 8. Mary, b. Nov. 7, 1768. |

1. *Comstock, Samuel*, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Theophilus Baldwin, Feb. 7, 1750-1.

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| 2. Chloe, b. Oct. 5, 1751. | 6. Martha, b. June 21, 1760. |
| 3. Theophilus, b. Oct. 5, 1753. | 7. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 1, 1762. |
| 4. Daniel, b. Mar. 2, 1756; d. June 3, 1759. | 8. John, b. Jan. 1, 1764. |
| 5. Achilles, b. Nov. 26, 1757. | 9. Cyrus, b. Dec. 3, 1765. |

Comstock, Samuel, "Jr.", probably the son of John, m. Hester Buckingham Dec. 28, 1795.

Anne, b. Nov. 7, 1796, m. Perry Smith.

COPLEY, Daniel, Jr., son of Daniel, born Nov. 13, 1777; m. Mary Peet, dau. of Thaddeus, May 31, 1798. She was born Dec. 25, 1781. She died Oct. 20, 1841, in Montgomery, N. Y.

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| 1. Joel, b. Feb. 11, 1800; d. Feb. 14, 1814. | 4. Calvin Orville, b. Apr. 1, 1807; d. Sept. 27, 1841. |
| 2. Almon, b. July 16, 1802; d. Mar. 24, 1844. | 5. Daniel Harvey, b. Mar. 26, 1809. |
| 3. Lucinda Bostwick, b. Apr. 23, 1805. | 6. Sarah Ann, b. Apr. 21, 1811. |

COUCH, Stephen, m. Tryphena Harrington, Dec. 16, 1781.

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| 1. Daniel, b. Sept. 5, 1782. | 3. Tryphena, b. July 11, 1787. |
| 2. Sally, b. Jan. 21, 1785. | |

Couch, Samuel, m. Hannah Ferriss, Mar. 19, 1789.

1. Marcus Betts, b. May 26, 1790.

1. *CRANE, Stephen*, b. May 12, 1734, in South East, N. Y., was son of Joseph, who was descendant of Benjamin of Wethersfield. He came to New Milford, and m. Mary Chapman, Jan. 22, 1762. Her father is said to have been a clergyman of Cape Cod. Mr. Crane settled in N. M. village about the time of his marriage. He was a blacksmith, and bought house and lot and blacksmith shop "one and a half miles north of the meeting-house" in N. M., Apr. 10, 1770. In the Revolution he was commissary of artillery in the war. He d. May 10, 1814. His widow m. Peter Smith of Harpersfield, N. Y., where her son Baldwin, a Baptist minister, was preaching. She died June 24, 1824.

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| 2. Ezra, b. Dec. 22, 1763; went West. | 9. Thalia; m. Mr. Eggleston, 2d, Mr. Frost; res. Bath, N. Y. |
| 3. Abigail, b. Nov. 24, 1765; m. Joseph Giddings of Sherman. | 10. Jared. |
| 4. Isaac Chapman, b. Nov. 17, 1767; m. | 11. Baldwin; m. Dorcas Hoskins; d. in Unadilla, N. Y. |
| 5. Stephen, b. Jan. 16, 1769; m. | 12. Sally; m. Mr. Carpenter. |
| 6. Noah, b. May 6, 1771; settled in Elmira, N. Y. | 13. Irad; lived with his brother Baldwin. |
| 7. Mary, b. June 8, 1773; m. Fitch Welch; resided in Brookfield. | 14. Ann, b. 1790; m. Philip Chase of southeast N. Y. |
| 8. Joseph, b. Aug. 24, 1775; m. Betsey Winegar of Amenia; resided in Kent. | |

4. *Isaac O.*, son of Stephen and Mary Crane, m. Roanna Vaughn, and resided in the south part of N. M., where they both died of fever in 1800, and were buried in the same grave, leaving a son and a daughter, who were cared for by other members of the family. After some years they went to Ohio, where the dau. m. a Mr. Blake. She was early left a widow, with a son and a daughter. The son was educated in the Navy; became, while quite young, Captain; and as such rendered efficient service during the late war. In 1880 he was examined in Washington, D. C., and received his papers as Commander in the Navy; returned to his home in New York, and soon after died, leaving a widow and daughter.

5. *Stephen, 2d*, son of Stephen and Mary Crane, m. Hannah Baldwin, on Long Mountain, where they resided a time, and there his wife Hannah died Sept. 3, 1807. He m. 2d, Chloe Averill of Washington, Ct., Aug. 6, 1808, who died Oct. 15, 1856. He removed from Long Mountain to Bridgewater Society in 1814, where he was a prominent man some years. He died Mar. 21, 1844, and his widow Chloe died Oct. 15, 1856.

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| 15. Susan, b. Dec. 8, 1793; m. Homer Dakin; removed to Ohio, where he d. Feb. 14, 1855, and she d. Mar. 26, 1863. | 21. Heman Averill, b. Oct. 1, 1809; became a merchant; went to Georgia. (See Biog.) |
| 16. Anna Baldwin, b. May 22, 1795; d. young. | 22. Henry Stephen, b. June 16, 1811; m. |
| 17. David Baldwin, b. July 10, 1797; d. young. | 23. Hannah Maria, b. Apr. 16, 1813; d. Apr. 12, 1841. |
| 18. Laura, b. Aug. 31, 1799; m. Homer B. Sherman of Bridgewater, in Dec., 1818, and d. July 2, 1826, leaving four children. | 24. George Elliott, b. June 27, 1815; m.; resides in Dutchess Co., N. Y. |
| 19. Anna, b. July 7, 1802; m. Joseph Sanford of Bridgewater, and d. Aug. 6, 1825, leaving one child, which d. same year. Joseph Sanford d. Sept. 14, 1864, æ. 71 years. | 25. Mary Julia, b. July 11, 1818; m., and resides in Brookfield. |
| 20. Horace Baldwin, b. Aug. 8, 1805; d. Jan. 26, 1825. | 26. Caroline Matilda, b. Oct. 21, 1820; m. H. Snyder, Jan. 22, 1844; resides in Woodbury; has one dau. |
| | 27. Janette, b. Mar. 24, 1823; m. Geo. M. Allen of N. M. |

CRONKWRIGHT, Jabez, m. Electa Hallock, Mar. 23, 1840.

1. Alexander E., b. Sept. 21, 1841.

CUMMINS, John, m. Phebe Stilson, Nov. 3, 1774.

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| 1. Annie, b. Apr. 27, 1775. | 4. Polly, b. Jan. 5, 1781. |
| 2. William, b. Sept. 26, 1776. | 5. Sally, b. July 28, 1782. |
| 3. Elias, b. Mar. 8, 1778. | |

CURTIS, Elnathan, m. Rose Weller of Woodbury, Mar. 10, 1736-7.

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| 1. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 23, 1737-8. | 6. Lois, b. June 7, 1747. |
| 2. Lucy, b. June 6, 1739; d. Dec. 30, 1756. | 7. Isaac, b. June 4, 1749. |
| 3. Abel, b. Feb. 17, 1740-1. | 8. Rhoda, b. Dec. 29, 1751. |
| 4. Mary, b. Apr. 9, 1743. | 9. Elnathan, b. Oct. 16, 1754. |
| 5. Samuel, b. Apr. 12, 1745; d. Apr. 30, 1747. | |

DAVENPORT, John, and wife, Elizabeth, appear to have been in the town some years before purchasing land. On 20th of Sept., 1770, he bought 25 acres of land at the southwest corner of Bare Hill. He erected the first Iron Works at Lower Merryall, and hence, according to Davis Baldwin, was the father of the murderer of the Mallory family. What is said in Mr. J. W. Barber's Hist. Collections of this Davenport family appears to be without foundation in fact. There were several children besides the two named on the Town Records.

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| 1. William, b. Dec. 27, 1736. | 2. David, b. Mar. 13, 1758. |
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DAVIES, Rev. Thomas, pastor of the Episcopal Church in New Milford, m. Mary, dau. of Joel Hervey of Sharon, Apr. 1, 1762. Mr. Harvey (or, as spelled on T. Rec., Hervey) resided a time at the mouth of Rocky River in N. M., and sold his farm to his brother-in-law, Partridge Thatcher, Esq.

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| 1. William, b. Mar. 21, 1763. | 2. Charlotte; m. Jonathan Burrall of Canaan. |
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DAY, Rev. Jeremiah, m. 1st, Sarah Mills of Kent. She was sister to Rev. Samuel J. Mills, Sen. She d. Aug. 15, 1767. He m. 2d, Abigail Osborn, Oct. 7, 1772. He was pastor of the New Preston church from 1770 until 1806.

1. Jeremiah, b. Aug. 3, 1773.
2. Thomas, b. July 6, 1777.
3. Noble, b. May 20, 1779.
4. Sarah, b. Dec. 9, 1781; d. Dec. 31, 1782.
5. Mills, b. Sept. 30, 1780.

DAYTON, Sargt. Josiah, m. 1st, Catharine ———. He m. 2d, Hannah ———. Hannah, his wife, d. May 25, 1758. He d. May 18, 1758; and his dau. Mary d. May 30, 1758.

By 1st wife.

1. Mary; d. May 30, 1758.

2. Daniel, d. inf camp at Oswego, Oct. 5, 1760.

By 2d wife.

3. Isaac, b. Mar. 3, 1746.
4. Catharine, b. Mar. 19, 1748; m. Isaac Bennitt.
5. Eli, b. Aug. 9, 1750.
6. Sarah, b. Dec. 28, 1752.

5. Eli, son of Josiah and Hannah Dayton, m. Hannah ———.

7. Lucinda, b. Jan. 10, 1785.
8. Daniel, b. Mar. 2, 1788.
9. Isaac, b. Sept. 18, 1791; m. Electa, dau. of Samuel B. Buck of N. Preston; removed to Cincinnati, O.; had 1st, Cyrus, who m. Laura Newton, and resided on the homestead in N. Preston; had 5 ch.

Dayton, Abraham, m. Abiah Beardsley of Stratford, Apr. 14, 1743, and settled in New Milford that year, probably near the village, and some years later removed, settled near the Northville burying-place, being among the first five or six settlers in that part of the town. He d. Aug. 10, 1780, and was the first buried in the Northville burying-place.

1. Eunice, b. Dec. 21, 1743; bapt. 1743, in N. M.
2. Abraham, b. Sept. 14, 1745.
3. Elizabeth, b. July 14, 1747; d. Oct. 20, 1757.
4. Jonah, b. July 20, 1757.
5. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 21, 1759.
6. Reuben B., b. Feb. 4, 1762.
7. Friend, b. Mar. 25, 1765.

4. Jonah, son of Abraham and Abigail Dayton, m. Jerusha Baldwin, Nov. 20, 1745.

8. Julius, b. July 11, 1753.

Dayton, Amos, m. Mary "Dunslo," June 2, 1752.

1. Rhoda, b. June 18, 1753.
2. Salmon, b. Aug. 20, 1755.

Dayton, Caleb, m. Sarah Taylor, Apr. 19, 1759.

1. Josiah, b. June 28, 1761.
2. Thomas, b. Jan. 11, 1767.
3. Daniel, b. Feb. 14, 1769.

DAILY, James, m. Elizabeth Brook, Oct. 31, 1771.

1. Mehitable, b. July 11, 1773.
2. James, b. Nov. 18, 1775.

DART, George, m. Eunice Prout, July 17, 1783.

1. George, b. Dec. 2, 1784.
2. Abijah, b. May 22, 1786.
3. Elijah, b. Feb. 1, 1788.

1. DE FOREST, Isaac, of Newtown, bought of Zachariah Ferriss 41 acres of land in New Milford, Oct. 25, 1727, and settled here soon after. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Stephen Noble, Aug. 17, 1732. He had son Isaac, bapt. June 16, 1734.

2. Isaac, son of Isaac, m. Rachel, dau. of Benjamin Bostwick, Jr., Jan. 11, 1763. He lived on the old Benjamin Bostwick homestead on Grove street.

3. Benjamin, b. June 27, 1764.
4. Elizabeth, b. July 1, 1767.
5. Anne, b. Jan. 17, 1774.

3. Benjamin, son of Isaac and Rachel De Forest, m. Clarissa Canfield, Dec. 13, 1788.

5. Son, b. Nov. 20, 1789; d. Nov. 24, 1789.
6. Isaac, b. Sept. 19, 1791.

1. DIBBLE, Ezra, was a resident in New Milford about ten years.

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| 2. Ezra, b. Jan. 3, 1749. | 6. Susannah, b. Jan. 25, 1758. |
| 3. Ichabod, b. July 5, 1750; d. July 25, 1753. | 7. David, b. Dec. 26, 1759. |
| 4. Martin, b. Feb. 6, 1752; d. July 29, 1753. | 8. Daniel, b. Jan. 11, 1762. |
| 5. Rebecca, b. Feb. 24, 1756. | |

DOWNS, Jonathan, m. Sarah Welch in 1744, and settled on Second Hill in New Milford. He was b. May 7, 1723, and d. July 4, 1801, aged 78 years. She was b. May 5, 1724, and d. Apr. 29, 1802, aged 77 years.

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| 1. Jonathan, b. Apr. 11, 1745; became a doctor. | 6. Elijah, b. Dec. 16, 1758. |
| 2. Sarah, b. Mar. 17, 1747; m. ——— Dibble. | 7. Elisha, { twins, { b. Sept. 16, 1760; m. |
| 3. Lemuel, b. Oct. 19, 1750; m. and lived in Chestnut Land, in N. M. | 8. Jonah, { b. Sept. 16, 1760. |
| 4. Thomas, b. Mar. 20, 1753; m. | 9. Isaac, b. Apr. 12, 1763; m. |
| 5. Mary, b. Feb. 15, 1756; m. | 10. Anna, b. May 17, 1767; d. Nov. 15, 1787. |

1. Doct. Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Sarah Downs, m. Mabel, dau. of Bushnell Bostwick, about 1770, and lived on the road to and in the edge of Bridge-water. He d. Nov. 29, 1823, æ. 78 years.

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| 11. Marilla; m. Samuel Somers. | 13. Mabel. |
| 12. Bushnell. | 14. Mercy. |

4. Thomas, son of Jonathan and Sarah Downs, m. Hannah Canfield, Jan. 7, 1782. He d. Jan. 31, 1812, æ. 58 years. She d. Jan. 1, 1813, æ. 64 years.

15. Hannah, b. May 26, 1784.

6. Elijah, son of Jonathan and Sarah Downs, m. Ruth Taylor, Oct. 13, 1785. He d. July 22, 1841. She d. Feb. 9, 1855.

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| 16. Elijah Welch, b. Sept. 2, 1786; d. Sept. 14, 1807. | 19. Elisha Seymour, b. Dec. 13, 1791; d. Oct. 19, 1820. |
| 17. Jonathan Fitch, b. Jan. 1, 1788; m. Esther Buckley. | Martha, b. Feb. 22, 1796; m. Eli Mygatt. |
| 18. Levi Taylor, b. Jan. 10, 1790. | |

7. Elisha, son of Jonathan and Sarah Downs, m. Eunice Frisbie of Washington, Conn., May 14, 1802. His residence was on Second Hill. He d. Feb. 1, 1812, æ. 51 years.

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| 20. Jonathan E., b. Dec. 12, 1804. | 21. Edward F., b. Dec. 24, 1806. |
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9. Isaac, son of Jonathan and Sarah Downs, m. Prudence Polly Sperry of Huntington, Jan. 4, 1796.

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| 22. Arza, b. May 16, 1798. | 24. Marettta, b. June 22, 1802; d. Feb. 15, 1812. |
| 23. William, b. July 25, 1800. | |

DUGLAS, Dominny, m. Mary Warren, May 5, 1761.

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| 1. Sarah, b. Oct. 7, 1761. | 2. Joseph, b. Oct. 9, 1763. |
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DRINKWATER, William, from Ridgefield, in County of Fairfield, Conn., m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Benedict of Ridgefield, Dec. 18, 1728. She d. July 2, 1849, in her 45th year. He m. 2d, Susannah Washborn, Mar. 14, 1751. He d. before the birth of his dau. Ann, in 1758. He settled here about 1730, and built a grist-mill where the paper-mill now stands, above Wellsville.

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| 1. Thomas, b. Nov. 3, 1729; d. Nov. 3, 1755, at the camp of Fort Edward, being under the command of Capt. Samuel Dimmick. | 8. William, b. May 3, 1742. |
| 2. John, b. July 7, 1731. | 9. Samuel, b. June 27, 1744. |
| 3. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 2, 1733. | 10. Ann, b. June 11, 1746. |
| 4. Hannah, b. Aug. 11, 1734. | 11. Mercy, b. Mar. 25, 1748. |
| 5. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1736. | 12. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 25, 1751. |
| 6. Abigail, b. Mar. 15, 1739; m. Stephen Ferriss. | 13. Joanna, b. July 26, 1753. |
| 7. Jerusha, b. June 16, 1740. | 14. Thomas, b. Jan. 13, 1756. |
| | 15. Ann, b. May 17, 1758. |

2. *John*, son of William and Elizabeth Drinkwater, m. Wealthy —. He d. Sept. 8, 1755, at the camp at Lake George, being a soldier under Capt. Benjamin Hinman.

16. Wealthy, b. Dec. 16, 1743.

18. Prudence, b. Apr. 2, 1747.

17. Warren, b. Sept. 3, 1745.

9. *Samuel*, son of William and Elizabeth Drinkwater, m. Olive Gray, July 27, 1769.

19. Clarilla, b. Aug. 5, 1770.

DUNCOMBE, Charles, and Elizabeth, was one of the first twelve who organized the Episcopal Church Society in 1743.

1. Son, b. July 28, 1745; d. Aug. 10, 1745.

DUNNING, Cyrus, m. Sally Wheeler of Southbury.

1. Mary R., b. Nov. 4, 1819.

3. Sarah M., b. Feb. 20, 1823.

2. Oliver W., b. Sept. 27, 1821.

4. Eunice E., b. Aug. 29, 1825.

Dunning, Elijah S., m. Abigail E., dau. of Albert Beach of Bridgewater, Oct. 20, 1840. He died Oct. 30, 1866, aged 61 years. His widow m. 2d, Nov. 6, 1867, Mr. Frederick Mead, and they reside on the old Abijah Beach homestead in Bridgewater. Ch.:

1. Albert Elijah, b. Jan. 5, 1844, in Brookfield; m. Harriet Westbrook of Peekskill, and resides in Boston (see Biog.); has Harry

Westbrook, Morton Dexter, Albert Beach, Emily Beckman.

2. Ellen Mary; m. Charles H. Frank of Painesville, Ohio, and has Carrie.

DUNWELL, William, m. Mary Ashley, Oct. 14, 1773.

1. Daniel, b. Sept. 21, 1774.

3. Polly, b. Apr. 20, 1780.

2. Hannah, b. Sept. 20, 1777.

4. George, b. July 27, 1783.

1. *EVERITT, Daniel, Esq.*, an attorney in N. M., m. Urania, dau. of Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, Jan. 1, 1778. He died Jan. 20, 1805, aged 56 years. She d. May 28, 1823, aged 71 years.

2. Harmon, b. Sept. 23, 1778; d. Mar. 3, 1812.

5. Tamar Urania, b. July 1, 1786; d. Mar. 14, 1812.

3. William, b. Nov. 11, 1780.

6. Nathaniel Shelton, b. Dec. 7, 1796; d. Nov. 27, 1799.

4. Daniel Taylor, b. Mar. 20, 1784.

1. *EASTMAN, Benjamin*, m. Mary Hitchcock, June 16, 1756.

2. Nadab, b. Apr. 23, 1757; d. Sept. 24, 1757.

6. "Deidamia," b. May 31, 1765; d. July 30, 1765.

3. Benjamin, b. Oct. 3, 1759.

7. Mahitable, b. June 9, 1766.

4. Nadab, b. July 11, 1761.

8. Amherst, b. Aug. 14, 1768.

5. Rachel, b. June 18, 1763.

9. David, b. Sept. 14, 1770.

1. *EDWARDS, Edward*, m. Margaret Oviatt, Oct. 10, 1771. He died Oct. 9, 1823. She died June 5, 1824, aged 82 years.

2. Urania, b. Aug. 19, 1772.

6. John Calvin, b. Apr. 5, 1778.

3. Ophelia, b. June 13, 1774.

7. Sylvia, b. Sept. 1, 1779.

4. John Weeks, b. Sept. 12, 1775.

8. Martin Luther, b. May 18, 1781.

5. Diadama, b. Jan. 11, 1777.

9. Anne, b. May 28, 1783.

1. *ELIOTT, Rev. Andrew*, m. Sophia Wasson of Fairfield, Sept. 19, 1820. She d. Nov. 17, 1822. He was pastor of the Cong. Church in N. M., and d. May 9, 1829, aged 48 years.

2. Sophia, b. Nov. 13, 1822.

EMMONS, Rollin C., came from Litchfield to New Milford, and m. Ornelia, dau. of Justin Sherman of Merryall, Jan. 17, 1856. He is a wheelwright.

1. George Elwood.

3. Edwin Justin.

2. Edwin Clarence; d. when 14 months of age.

4. Katie Maria.

1. **Emmons, George Elwood**, son of Rollin C. and Orcelia Emmons, m. Alice C. Smith of East Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 21, 1880. He is a merchant in New Milford. Ch.:

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1. **FABRIQUE, David**, m. Debora Wooster of Oxford, in Derby, May 13, 1766. On Nov. 30, 1761, he being then of Newtown, bought land in New Milford, a little west of the "Common field fence, near the gate called Samuel Prindle's gate," with a "dwelling-house and barn and cider-mill, for £140." This was on Wood-Creek road, now owned by the heirs of the late John Knowles. On Dec. 16, 1761, he bought another piece for £109 18s. 5d., on Wood-Creek hill. He afterwards sold his possessions and removed from the town.

2. Ann, b. Aug. 27, 1766; d. Dec. 24, 1766.

4. Deborah, b. June 6, 1769.

3. Ann, b. Dec. 14, 1767.

5. John, b. Sept. 9, 1770.

1. **FAIRCHILD, Eleazer, Jr.**, m. Deborah Leach, Jan. 18, 1786.

2. Eleazer Curtis, b. Feb. 16, 1787.

5. Anne, b. Nov. 6, 1792.

3. Amos Leach, b. Nov. 6, 1788.

6. Ruth Amy, b. July 28, 1795.

4. Daniel, b. Sept. 26, 1790.

7. Clara, b. Sept. 2, 1797.

1. **FARRAND, Joseph, Jr.**, and wife Mercy.

2. John, b. Feb. 25, 1756.

4. Joseph, } twins, b. Jan. 7, 1759.

3. Asa, b. June 5, 1757.

5. Benjamin, }

1. **FERGUSON, John**, m. Polly Fuller, Jan. 5, 1806. Resided in Bridge-water.

2. William Henry, b. Feb. 5, 1807.

1. **FERRISS, Zachariah**, from Reading, England, was of Charlestown, Mass., 1645, and in Stratford as early as 1655. Ch.:

2. Zachariah, bapt. Feb. 6, 1676.

4. Hannah, b. July 18, 1680.

3. Sarah, b. Nov. 12, 1676.

Ferriss, Zachariah, of Stratfield, with wife Sarah, was one of the first twelve settlers in New Milford. The tradition in the family is that he was the son of Samuel of Stratford, and that his mother was Jerusha Reed, but of this we have no certainty. The tradition is also that this Zachariah married Sarah Noble about 1698, which must be an error so far as concerns the Sarah Noble who was daughter of John Noble, the first settler in New Milford, for she was born in 1699, and we learn from the Noble genealogy of no Zachariah Ferriss marrying a daughter of any family by the name of Noble. If Zachariah was the son of Samuel, then Samuel was most probably the son of Zachariah the first, above, and the three children above were those of Samuel instead of Zachariah the first. There are evidences that lead to the supposition that Sarah Ferriss, the wife of the first Zachariah Ferriss in New Milford, was sister to Col. John Reed, who is noticed in this book. Zachariah Ferriss of New Milford died before 1757. Ch.:

5. Deborah, b. June 17, 1700; m. 1st, John Welch, who died May 25, 1732. She m. 2d, Joseph Miles.

9. Sarah, b. Nov. 10, 1710; m. Stephen Noble, Jr.

6. Joseph, b. Sept. 27, 1703.

10. Hannah, b. Aug. 6, 1712; m. Nathan Talcott.

7. David, b. May 10, 1707.

11. John, b. Feb. 6, 1714.

8. Benjamin, b. Nov. 10, 1708.

12. Zachariah, b. Sept. 30, 1717.

6. **Joseph**, son of Zachariah and Sarah Ferriss, m. Hannah Welch of Milford, Nov. 11, 1725. He settled on the plain south of Fort Hill.

13. David, b. Sept. 18, 1726.

17. Zachariah, b. Mar. 25, 1739.

14. Sarah, b. Sept. 11, 1728.

18. Samuel, b. Sept. 11, 1743; m. Abigail Brownson, Jan. 26, 1774. He died Oct. 14, 1775.

15. Joseph, b. Jan. 5, 1732.

16. Jude, b. May 14, 1735; d. Sept. 28, 1757.

19. Gilbert, b. Sept. 24, 1747; m.

7. *David*, son of Zachariah and Sarah Ferriss, m. at Wilmington, Delaware, and became a Quaker preacher. (See Biog.)

8. *Benjamin*, son of Zachariah and Sarah Ferriss, m. Phebe Beecher of Milford, Nov. 6, 1728. They removed to Oblong or Quaker Hill, Westchester Co., N. Y.

20. Zebulon, b. May 20, 1729.

22. Susanna, b. Nov. 7, 1732.

21. Reed, b. Oct. 7, 1730.

11. *John*, son of Zachariah and Sarah Ferriss, m. Abigail Tryon, 3d month, 1738. He removed to Wilmington, Delaware, where he died before 1752.

23. Deborah, } twins, b. Mar. 7, 1738-9.

25. Nathan, b. Sept. 7, 1740.

24. Rachel, }

26. Rosannah, b. Feb. 7, 1741-2.

13. *David*, son of Joseph and Hannah Ferriss, m. Abigail Comstock of Kent, Feb. 26, 1755. She died Sept. 11, 1797, in her 67th year. He died July 20, 1806, in his 74th year.

27. Orange, b. Dec. 14, 1755; d. in the army at Crown Point.

31. David, b. Feb. 18, 1766; m. Amarillis Stilson.

28. Jude, b. Feb. 12, 1758; d. Sept. 9, 1775.

32. Betty, b. May 25, 1768.

29. Amasa, b. Nov. 5, 1760.

33. Daniel Hutton, b. Mar. 1, 1771.

30. Alanson, b. Aug. 10, 1763.

34. James Fitch, b. Jan. 1, 1774; d. Aug. 26, 1775.

15. *Joseph, 2d*, son of Joseph and Hannah Ferriss, m. Johannah Gaylord, Jan. 19, 1758. He died Feb. 14, 1814, æ. 82.

35. Joseph, b. Jan. 26, 1778.

17. *Zachariah*, son of Joseph and Hannah Ferriss, m. Phebe Gaylord, Mar. 13, 1766. He died Feb. 19, 1804. She died May 14, 1811. His residence and farm were in Jerusalem, on Rocky River.

36. Hannah, b. June 19, 1768; m. Samuel Couch; went to Ohio.

41. Rufus, b. Mar. 21, 1780; went to Ohio as agent for Elijah Boardman; lived and died there.

37. Aaron Gaylord, b. May 15, 1770; m.; removed to Vermont, and thence to Genesee, N. Y.

42. Zina, b. Oct. 6, 1782; d. Jan. 20, 1794.

38. Angus, b. Oct. 19, 1772.

43. Phebe Ophelia, b. Nov. 16, 1784; m. James Briggs of Sherman, and is still living.

39. Nathan Langrish, b. Feb. 15, 1775; settled in Clinton Co., N. Y.

44. Thirza, b. Jan. 2, 1787; m. Squire Johnson, and went to Canada.

40. Zachariah, b. July 11, 1778.

19. *Gilbert*, son of Joseph and Hannah Ferriss, m. Miriam Nichols, Apr. 15, 1778.

45. Gilbert, b. May 6, 1779; d. May 9, 1782.

46. "Easter," b. Sept. 8, 1780.

Capt. Amasa, son of David and Abigail Ferriss, m. Molly Miles, Dec. 16, 1781. He d. Apr. 26, 1811, in his 57th year.

47. Orange Miles, b. Mar. 21, 1783; d. Feb. 9, 1834, of consumption.

48. Molly Pickett, b. Feb. 27, 1789; m. Chester Read, and d. Feb. 20, 1812, at New York.

48. Jude Fitch, b. Jan. 9, 1786.

49. Daniel Pickett, b. Mar. 17, 1792.

50. Samuel Frederick, b. Mar. 9, 1795.

30. *Alanson*, son of David and Abigail Ferriss, m. Esther Washburn, Nov. 16, 1783.

51. Henry Bilson, b. Feb. 8, 1784; d. Mar. 9, 1784.

52. Henry Bilson, b. Jan. 10, 1785.

33. *Daniel Hutton*, son of David and Abigail Ferriss, m. Rheamy —, who d. Nov. 3, 1793. He m. 2d, Annis Botsford of Newtown, Jan. 29, 1795. He d. Apr. 2, 1843. Annis, his widow, d. Feb. 19, 1852.

53. John, b. Dec. 18, 1790.

57. David, b. Sept. 2, 1798; d. Jan. 2, 1799.

54. Urania, b. Feb. 17, 1792.

58. Marietta, b. Jan. 17, 1800.

55. Henry, b. Oct. 27, 1793; d. Oct. 1, 1794.

59. David, b. June 30, 1802.

56. Julia, b. Mar. 18, 1796.

60. Eugene, b. June 18, 1806.

35. Joseph 3d, son of Joseph 2d and Johannah Ferriss, m. Anna McMahon, Dec. 11, 1796; resided on his father's homestead on the plain.

61. Julia Ann, b. July 6, 1801; d. y.

64. Constantine Wright, b. Nov. 22, 1808.

62. Joanna Caroline, b. Apr. 4, 1805; m. Hubbard Barlow.

65. Hannah Maria, b. Jan. 14, 1811; m. John Marsh.

63. George Alexander, b. Mar. 19, 1807.

66. Mary; m. John Osborn.

38. Angus, son of Zachariah and Phebe Ferriss, m. 1st, Milly Ruggles; 2d, Julia Hinman; 3d, Mrs. Aphia (Carman) Hollister. Ch.:

By 1st wife.

66½. Zina; went to Ohio.

70. Sally.

67. Abijah.

71. Nathan; m. — Averill of N. P., and d. at Peru, N. Y.

68. Phebe; m. Geo. W. Marsh, and d. at Oberlin, O., where they resided.

72. Rufus; m. — Platt; removed to Boardman, Ohio.

69. Gaylord, went to Ohio.

40. Zachariah 2d, son of Zachariah and Phebe Ferriss, m. Hannah Marsh, Sept. 15, 1807, and lived on his father's homestead. He d. Aug. 30, 1866, æ. 82. She d. Aug. 1, 1867, æ. 82.

73. Edith, b. Dec. 14, 1803; m. Levi Leach of Sherman, Mar. 9, 1826.

78. Charles Marsh, b. July 6, 1816.

74. Laura, b. Aug. 25, 1806; m. Levi Leach of Sherman.

79. Abby Jane, b. May 23, 1819; m. 1st, Israel Haviland; 2d, Richard P. Brady; residence in Sherman.

75. Mary Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1808; m. John Haviland, Aug. 29, 1831; had Jane Ann, who m. Gerahom Giddings.

80. Henry, b. Jan. 8, 1822.

76. Phebe Joan, b. Nov. 5, 1811; m. Abraham Hoag, May 8, 1831; removed to Dover, N. Y.

81. Arabella, b. Sept. 13, 1824; m. Walter Marsh, Sept. 15, 1852; had William H., Amos H., and Phebe M.

77. Hannah, b. Dec. 21, 1814; m. William Wanzer.

82. Eunice Cordelia, b. Jan. 21, 1827; d. Oct. 10, 1829.

49. Daniel P., son of Capt. Amasa and Molly Ferriss, m. Elizabeth Furlong, Apr. 23, 1821. He d. in New York Sept. 17, 1831. She d. in East Port, Me., June 8, 1847.

83. Mary Jane, b. Mar. 23, 1822; d. in 1833.

86. Daniel Pickett, b. Feb. 17, 1827.

84. Robert Palmer, b. Jan. 1, 1823.

87. John Furlong, b. Aug. 11, 1829.

85. Esther Ann, b. Nov. 12, 1825; d. in 1827.

63. George A., son of Joseph 3d and Anna Ferriss, m. Olive H. Ferriss, Mar. 22, 1860. He d. Jan. 8, 1882. Ch.:

88. George Benjamin.

90. Lillie Minerva.

89. Samuel Joseph.

64. Constantine, son of Joseph 3d and Anna Ferriss, m. 1st, Rachel Northrop; 2d, Mrs. Polly A. Noble.

91. Benjamin; m. Libbie Booth; lives at St. Pauls, Minn., and keeps the Sherman House.

By 2d wife.

93. Arthur E.; m. Susan, dau. of Lyman Stone, Apr. 12, 1871; had Frank and Addison.

93. Walter; m. Maggie Jennings of Falls Village.

94. Maud.

78. Charles M., son of Zachariah and Hannah Ferriss, m. Mary A. Marsh, June 12, 1839. He lived some years in Jerusalem, but died in Minnesota, Oct. 15, 1865. She d. Nov. 8, 1877. Ch.:

95. Zachariah, d. Oct. 16, 1871.

98. Olive H.; m. Geo. A. Ferriss.

96. Samuel D.; d. Nov. 14, 1850.

99. Charles H.; lives in Tennessee.

97. Charlotte; m. Charles Sherwood; lives in Tennessee.

80. Henry, son of Zachariah and Hannah Ferriss, m. 1st, Dorcas Hatch, May 22, 1845. She was b. Oct. 20, 1824, and d. Dec. 3, 1851. He m. 2d, Matilda M. Starks, Mar. 28, 1858.

100. Helen C., b. Oct. 21, 1847; d. Sept. 23, 1850.

102. Mary Alice.

By 2d wife.

103. Starks Benoni.

101. Jennie Elizabeth; m. Charles Dodd.

Ferriss, Second Family.

1. *Ferriss, Stephen*, is supposed to have been born in Kilkenny county, Ireland, in the year 1729.¹ He embarked as a seaman on a merchantman at the age of 12 or 13, but was afterwards pressed on board a man-of-war, in which service he continued for some time, being at the siege of Havanna by the English, in 1762. He escaped from the man-of-war, probably the next winter or summer, as he lived in New Jersey eight years, at the end of which time he came to New Milford, and married, here, Sarah, daughter of William Drinkwater, Aug. 27, 1771, he being then forty-two years of age. He had several brothers; among them were Robert, Paul, and John, one of whom he saw while on board the man-of-war, that being the last he ever saw of any relatives. He was a farmer in New Milford, and d. Dec. 14, 1831. His grave-stone gives his age as 99 years, but the date in the old Bible makes him 102 at his decease. His wife, Sarah, d. in June, 1809, æ. 70 years. Children:

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| 2. Stephen, b. May 1, 1772. | 6. Gerardus, b. Mar. 17, 1779. In 1859 these children were all living, the youngest being over 80 years of age. |
| 3. Mercy, b. Sept. 29, 1773; m. Eliha Murray. | |
| 4. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 29, 1775; m. Ezra Drake. | |
| 5. John, b. Feb. 24, 1777. | |

2. *Stephen, Jr.*, son of Stephen and Sarah Ferriss, m. Jan. 3, 1796, Lydia West, who was b. Oct. 19, 1773, at Dover, N. Y. He was a farmer in New Milford, where he d. June 12, 1860. His widow, Lydia, d. Oct. 16, 1863, æ. 90 years.

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| 7. Ithamar, b. Sept. 6, 1797. | 11. Hannah, b. Nov. 26, 1807; unm. |
| 8. Robert, b. Sept. 30, 1799. | 12. Lucretia, b. Nov. 28, 1809; unm.; d. May 10, 1879. |
| 9. Hannah, b. Dec. 29, 1802; d. Nov. 29, 1807. | 13. Gerardus, b. Mar. 2, 1812. |
| 10. Ezra, b. Sept. 8, 1804. | |

5. *John*, son of Stephen and Sarah Ferriss, m. Feb. 24, 1801, Sally Thompson, who was b. May 31, 1781, in Warren, Conn. He removed with his family to Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., about 1829, where he d. in Dec., 1865. He was a farmer. Children:

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| 14. Sally Maria, b. Mar. 4, 1803; m. Elijah Judd; had Mary E., b. Oct. 6, 1827; Sarah M., b. Oct. 1, 1834; John E., b. Apr. 7, 1839; Ellen M., Feb. 2, 1846. | Mary Alice, Nov. 28, 1848; Ellen I., b. June 21, 1851; Marshall I., b. Aug. 8, 1854; Estelle, b. in 1857; d. Jan. 13, 1859. |
| 15. Polly Miranda, b. Aug. 8, 1805; m. Ellis Sweetlove; had George N., b. Apr. 24, 1826; Chauncey M., b. Oct. 26, 1834; Merritt V. B., b. Feb. 5, 1837; Frances E., b. Aug. 7, 1839; Ellen M., b. Nov. 10, 1844. | 19. Caroline S., b. June 4, 1818; m. Sept. 5, 1838, Darius Henderson, b. Aug. 10, 1815; had Vernon F., b. Feb. 3, 1840; killed at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Mary J., b. Nov. 15, 1841; Alice I., b. Oct. 8, 1849; Carrie E., b. Sept. 3, 1860. |
| 16. Chauncey Marshall, b. July 17, 1807. | 20. Amarilla, b. July 20, 1823; m. Jan. 8, 1846, Daniel P. Rose, who was b. Nov. 4, 1813, at Exeter, Otsego Co., N. Y. He is a farmer, and resides at Bainbridge, N. Y. Had, by a former wife, Ellen I., b. July 23, 1840; Annett E., b. Oct. 1, 1842; Wallace C., b. May 31, 1845. |
| 17. George Nelson, b. June 1, 1810. | |
| 18. Irene M., b. Oct. 23, 1815; m. Mar. 19, 1840, Henry D. Melt, who was b. Sept. 5, 1808, in N. Y. They reside at Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y.; had Ann Eliza, b. Mar. 13, 1841; Georgianna R., b. Jan. 1, 1844; | |

6. *Gerardus*, son of Stephen and Sarah Ferriss, m. Jan., 1804, Polly Davis, who was b. July 30, 1784, and d. Dec. 28, 1858. He was a farmer in New Milford, and d. July 29, 1867. Children:

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| 21. Charles, b. June 20, 1804. | 25. Paulina, b. Dec. 24, 1817; m. Wm. E. Hoyt. |
| 22. Caroline, b. May 7, 1808; m. Harry Stuart of Sherman. | 26. Albert, b. Apr. 7, 1820. |
| 23. Charlania, b. May 25, 1810; m. Israel Noble. | 27. Charlotte, b. Sept. 24, 1827; m. Alfred Burdick; had Gerardus and Alfred E. |
| 24. George, b. Jan. 15, 1813. | |

¹ This date is from the old family Bible.

7. *Ithamar*, son of Stephen, Jr., and Lydia Ferriss, m. June 3, 1821, Louisa Catlin, who was b. Mar. 13, 1800, in Litchfield. He d. June 17, 1865, of cancer, in New Milford. Children:

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| 28. Lydia Ann, b. Jan. 12, 1823, at Milton, Ct.; m. Charles Gregory. | 32. Morel, b. Nov. 21, 1832; d. May 4, 1843. |
| 29. Delia, b. Nov. 22, 1825; m. Henry Stevens. | 33. Robert Bruce, b. May 28, 1835; killed at Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862. |
| 30. Jane E., b. Feb. 27, 1828; m. Wm. L. Pain, May 29, 1853, who was b. May 19, 1821, at N. M. He is a farmer, and resides at Cato, Cayuga Co., N. Y. Had dau. Frances; d. | 34. Helen, b. May 2, 1837; m. Minot L. Hartwell of N. M. |
| 31. Stephen Catlin, b. Apr. 15, 1830. | 35. Henry, b. May 27, 1840; d. May 24, 1843. |
| | 36. Gertrude, b. Aug. 11, 1843; m. ——— Hickok. |

8. *Robert*, son of Stephen, Jr., and Lydia Ferriss, m. Sept. 13, 1843, Alice Wight, who was b. Mar. 12, 1817, in Milton, Conn. He is a farmer in New Milford. Children:

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| 37. Samuel Gerardus, b. Nov. 19, 1845; d. Apr. 17, 1846. | 39. Edward Robert, b. Dec. 21, 1849; d. Jan. 6, 1855. |
| 38. Mary Augusta, b. Oct. 16, 1847; d. Sept. 18, 1864. | |

10. *Ezra*, son of Stephen, Jr., and Lydia Ferriss, m. Oct. 28, 1829, Sophronia Guild, who was b. Oct. 20, 1804, in Warren, Conn. He was for a time a clothier in Milton, but is now a farmer in New Milford. Children:

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| 40. Jay, b. Oct. 26, 1830; d. June 1, 1863, at New Orleans, in the army. | 42. Hilliard Bryant, b. July 27, 1839; d. July 27, 1862, in the army. |
| 41. Alban Guild, b. Aug. 30, 1832. | |

13. *Gerardus*, son of Stephen, Jr., and Lydia Ferriss, m. May 3, 1843, Harriet Hoyt, who was b. Sept. 9, 1819, in N. M. He d. Jan. 19, 1846, leaving no children. His widow, Harriet, subsequently married Orrin Addis.

14. *Sally Maria*, dau. of John and Sally Ferriss, m. Oct. 18, 1826, Elijah Judd, who was b. Oct. 24, 1805, in Kent. He is a harness-maker, and resides in Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y. Children:

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| 43. Mary E., b. Oct. 6, 1827. | 45. John Edwin, b. Apr. 7, 1839. |
| 44. Sarah M., b. Oct. 1, 1834. | 45½. Ellen M., b. Feb. 2, 1846. |

15. *Polly M.*, dau. of John and Sally Ferriss, m. Oct. 27, 1823, Ellis Sweetlove, who was b. Mar. 12, 1802, at N. M. He resides at Spencer, Tioga Co., N. Y. She d. Mar. 3, 1875. Children:

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| 46. Geo. Nelson, b. Apr. 24, 1826; d. June 13, 1870. | 48. Merritt V. B., b. Feb. 5, 1837. |
| 47. Chauncey M., b. | 49. Frances E., b. Aug. 7, 1839; d. Dec. 1, 1863. |
| | 50. Helen M., b. Nov. 10, 1844. |

16. *Chauncey M.*, son of John and Sally Ferriss, m. Nov. 5, 1834, Ann Eliza Johnson, who was b. Oct. 16, 1814, in N. J. She d. Sept. 28, 1840. He m. 2d, Nancy Newton, Jan. 1, 1844; b. Apr. 14, 1820. He d. May 9, 1858. Children:

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| 51. Joseph I., b. July 18, 1840. | 54. Ellis S., b. May 18, 1851. |
| By 2d wife. | 55. Frank B., b. Sept. 3, 1853. |
| 52. Henry C., b. Apr. 5, 1846; d. May 4, 1871. | 56. Lanura F., b. Sept. 11, 1855. |
| 53. John J., b. Jan. 8, 1848; d. Nov. 10, 1863. | 57. Chauncey M., Nov. 24, 1857. |

17. *George Nelson*, son of John and Sally Ferriss, m. Sept. 4, 1833, Polly Fowler, who was b. Sept. 17, 1811, in Meredith, Delaware Co., N. Y. He is a farmer, and resides in West Candor, Tioga Co., N. Y. Children:

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| 58. George C., b. Dec. 25, 1834. | 59. Mary Augusta, b. May 6, 1841. |
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21. *Charles*, son of Gerardus and Polly Ferriss, m. Mar. 28, 1831, Mehitable Parsons, who was b. in Milton, Conn., Dec. 25, 1805, where he resides. His wife d. in 1881. Children:

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| 60. Harriet Lucretia, b. Jan. 25, 1832; m. ——— Bennett. | 61. Abigail Julia, b. Apr. 11, 1836. |
| | 62. Charles Wm., b. Apr. 11, 1836. |

24. George, son of Gerardus and Polly Ferriss, m. Feb. 25, 1833, Amy Stone, who was b. July 23, 1814. He is a farmer in N. M. on Long Mountain. Children:

63. Curtiss, b. Jan. 20, 1834.

66. Charlania, b. Jan. 9, 1848; m. Cornelius Heritage.

64. John, b. Apr. 27, 1836.

65. Albert, b. Nov. 9, 1843; d.

26. Albert, son of Gerardus and Polly Ferriss, m. Nov. 30, 1843, Janette Hill, who was b. July 23, 1823. He is a farmer in N. M., in Aspetuck. Children:

67. Caroline, b. Nov. 20, 1845; m. Roger Hartwell.

70. Amy Jenette, b. June 3, 1855.

68. Mary Hannah, b. Feb. 14, 1848; m. Amos Bowers.

71. Charlotte, b. Dec. 13, 1858; m. Henry Baldwin.

69. Julia Maria, b. June 20, 1850; m. John More-

72. Joice Rebecca, b. Jan. 1, 1861.

31. Stephen Catlin, son of Ithamer and Louisa Ferriss, m. Nov. 3, 1852, Martha Paine, who was b. Nov. 22, 1829. He is a manufacturer, resides in Gaylordsville.

33. Robert B., son of Ithamer and Louisa Ferriss, was a farmer in N. M. He enlisted Sept. 18, 1861, in Co. I, 8th Regt., Conn. Volunteers, as a private, and was with that regiment in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, Fort Macon, South Mountain, and Antietam, and fell at the last-named battle while gallantly fighting the battles of his country. He was appointed Corporal after the battle of Newbern.

41. Alban G., son of Ezra and Sophia Ferriss, m. Sarah L. Sherman of Redding, Conn., May 25, 1869. He is a salesman, and resides on High street in New Milford village. Ch.:

Mary Alice.

Jessie.

1. FISHER, Nehemiah, m. Frances Beecher, Jan. 18, 1757.

2. Sarah, b. Mar. 15, 1758.

4. Nehemiah, b. Apr. 1, 1761.

3. Lucy, b. Feb. 20, 1759.

1. FISK, Ebenezer, and wife Sarah.

2. Ichabod Ebenezer, b. Oct. 19, 1747.

1. FOWLER, Benjamin, and wife Rachel.

2. Philo, b. Jan. 13, 1770.

1. FULLER, Ichabod, and wife Jemima, of "Bateman's Patent."

2. Baton, b. Oct. 2, 1749.

1. GAYLORD, Dea. William, probably one of the passengers, with his wife and several children, in the company which came from England, in the Mary and John in 1630. He was one of the first deacons of the Dorchester Church. He removed to Windsor, Conn. He m. in England, and d. July 20, 1673, æ. 88 years. His wife d. June 20, 1657.

2. Elizabeth, m. Richard Birge.

5. Samuel.

3. William.

6. John.

4. Walter.

4. Walter, son of Dea. William Gaylord, b. in England, came with his father to Windsor; and m. Mary, dau. of Dea. Edward Stebbins of Hartford, Apr. 22, 1648. She d. June 29, 1657. He m. 2d., Sarah, dau. of William Rockwell, Mar. 22, 1658.

By 1st Marriage.

5. Joseph, b. May 13, 1649.

8. Samuel B., b. Apr. 12, 1655.

6. Mary, b. Mar. 19, 1651.

9. Isaac, b. June 21, 1657.

7. Joanna, b. Feb. 5, 1653.

By 2d Marriage.

10. Eleazer, b. Mar. 7, 1662.

11. Sarah, b. Apr. 13, 1665.

5. Joseph, son of Walter and Mary Gaylord, m. Sarah Stanley July 14, 1670. He settled in Waterbury, Conn., and about 1708 removed to Durham, Conn., where he d. about 1742.

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| 12. Sarah, b. 1671. | 17. Elizabeth. |
| 13. Joseph, b. Apr. 22, 1673. | 18. Mary. |
| 14. John, b. Aug. 21, 1677. | 19. Abigail; m. James Williams. |
| 15. William, b. in 1680. | 20. Joanna; m. Robert Royce. |
| 16. Benjamin. | 21. Ruth; m. Stephen Hickox. |

16. Ens. William, son of Joseph and Sarah Gaylord, m. "Johannah," dau. of John and Elizabeth (Booth) Minor of Woodbury, about 1707. He came to Woodbury a young man; joined the church there, Jan. 13, 1706, and his wife joined the same Dec. 7, 1712. She d. May 24, 1741. He m. 2d, Mrs. Mercy, widow of Major John Bostwick of N. M., Oct. 14, 1742. He d. Oct. 25, 1753, æ. 73. She m. 3d, ——— Lockwood, and d. Sept. 5, 1767. (See p. 63.) Ch.:

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| 22. Nathan, b. in Woodbury. | 27. Ruth, b. Mar. 28, 1719; m. Samuel Smith of Ridgefield. |
| 23. Aaron, b. prob. in Woodbury. | 28. Benjamin, b. Sep. 12, 1721. |
| 24. Ruth, b. Aug. 31, 1714; d. Aug. 31, 1714. | 29. Peter, b. Feb. 18, 1724; d. June 28, 1724. |
| 25. Benjamin, b. Aug. 28, 1715; d. Feb. 11, 1718. | 30. Mary, b. Nov. 22, 1725; m. Daniel Noble. |
| 26. Johannah, b. Aug. 16, 1717; m. | |

22. Dea. Nathan, son of William and Johannah Gaylord, m. Hannah Brounson of Waterbury, Sep. 23, 1731. She d. Sep. 6, 1757, and he m. 2d, Hannah Mosely of Westfield, Mass., Mar., 1858. Abner, son of Hannah Mosely, d. in N. M., Mar. 8, 1768.

31. Hannah Davis, b. June 9, 1742, an adopted daughter; m. Isaac Baldwin.

23. Aaron, son of William and Johannah Gaylord, m. Phebe Smith of Ridgefield, Sep. 22, 1732.

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| 32. Sarah, b. Sep. 13, 1733; m. Lemuel Warner. | 35. William, b. Mar. 10, 1740. |
| 33. Aaron, b. Dec. 21, 1735. | 36. Phebe, b. Jan. 9, 1743; m. Zachariah Ferriss. |
| 34. Johannah, b. Oct. 10, 1737; m. Joseph Ferriss, Jr. | 37. Ebenezer, b. July 12, 1746. |

28. Dea. Benjamin, son of William and Johannah Gaylord, m. Tryal Morehouse Oct. 2, 1745. She d. July 17, 1755. He m. 2d, Ruth Sherman, Sept. 28, 1756. He d. Apr. 6, 1792. He was a farmer at Gaylord's Bridge, and a deacon in the Cong. Church at New Milford many years. He was made Ensign of the Train-band in 1760, and Lieutenant in 1762.

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| 38. Ruth, b. July 27, 1746. | 40. Peter, b. July 21, 1751. |
| 39. Nathan, b. Dec. 7, 1748. | 41. Daniel, b. May 19, 1753. |

33. Aaron, 2d son of Aaron, Sen., and Phebe Gaylord, m. Urania Briggs, Feb. 16, 1764.

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| 42. Truman, b. Oct. 13, 1766. | 44. Aaron, b. Oct. 6, 1773. |
| 43. Joanna, b. Mar. 31, 1769. | |

35. William, son of Aaron, Sen., and Phebe Gaylord, m. Eunice Hitchcock, Mar. 20, 1766.

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| 45. Sarah, b. Aug. 12, 1766. | 48. Paulina, b. Dec. 1, 1775. |
| 46. David, b. Jan. 5, 1770. | 49. William, b. Dec. 9, 1777. |
| 47. Minor, b. Mar. 6, 1774. | |

37. Ebenezer, son of Aaron, Sen., and Phebe Gaylord, m. Catharine Chittenden, Apr. 3, 1771.

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| 50. Demice, b. Feb. 13, 1772. | 53. Infant, b. Dec. 3, 1779; d. Dec. 7, 1779. |
| 51. Phebe, b. Apr. 24, 1774. | 54. Nathan, b. Nov. 10, 1783. |
| 52. Daniel Harvey, b. May 1, 1776. | |

39. Nathan, son of Dea. Benjamin and Tryal Gaylord, m. Ruth Hartwell June 30, 1774.

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| 55. Esther, b. Apr. 16, 1777; m. Warner Merwin. | 58. Homer, b. Apr. 3, 1784. |
| 56. Benjamin, b. Apr. 4, 1779; d. young. | 59. Nancy, b. Apr. 21, 1786. |
| 57. Joseph, b. Nov. 19, 1781. | 60. Ruth, b. |

40. Peter, son of Dea. Benjamin and Tryal Gaylord, m. Sarah, dau. of Joseph Hartwell, Feb. 20, 1778. He d. Sep. 28, 1793.

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| 61. Daniel, b. May 14, 1779. | 64. Elijah, b. Mar. 18, 1786. |
| 62. Betsey, b. Aug. 1, 1781; m. William Roberts. | 65. Salome, b. Oct. 26, 1791; m. B. Wadhams. |
| 63. Peter, b. June 1, 1784. | |

42. Truman, son of Aaron 2d and Urania Gaylord, m. Esther Baldwin.

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| 66. Urania; m. Harmon Stone. | 67. Julia; m. Phineas Hunt. |
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46. David, son of William and Eunice Gaylord, m. Armida Giddings of New Fairfield, Oct. 21, 1798.

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| 68. Eliza, b. July 4, 1800; m. William Roberts. | 70. Eunice. |
| 69. Cornelia; m. Hugh Gelston. | 71. Lucy; m. Sheldon Camp. |

47. Minor, son of William and Eunice Gaylord.

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| 72. William B. | 75. Harriet, } twins. |
| 73. Aaron M. | 76. Maria, } |
| 74. Albert A.; m. Julia M. Sanford, May 23, 1827. | 77. Lucy A.; removed to Minnesota. |

49. William, son of William and Eunice Gaylord, m. Abigail Maltby.

78. Ann; m. John Blue.

52. Daniel H., son of Ebenezer and Catharine Gaylord, m. Phebe Briggs, Sep. 25, 1799.

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| 79. Albert N., b. July 11, 1800. | 81. Irwin B. |
| 80. Eveline; m. Warner Marsh. | 82. William. |

54. Nathan, son of Ebenezer and Catharine Gaylord, m. Irene Downs, Oct. 15, 1807.

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| 83. Catharine; m. Albert Barnes. | 87. Elizabeth; m. Wm. H. Hine. |
| 84. Orinda; m. M. S. Platt. | 88. Caroline; m. Charles S. Gaylord. |
| 85. Mary; m. Geo. C. Wells. | 89. George H. |
| 86. Orra A.; m. Marcus E. Merwin. | |

57. Joseph, son of Nathan and Ruth Gaylord, m. Mima Stone.

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| 90. Eliza Ann; m. Sheldon Buckingham. | 92. Emily. |
| 91. Harriett. | 93. John H. |

58. Homer, son of Nathan and Ruth Gaylord, m. Ann Canfield, May 5, 1807.

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| 94. Benjamin. | 96. Caroline. |
| 95. Jane. | 97. Ralph. |

61. Daniel, son of Peter and Sarah Gaylord, m. Rosanna Seeley.

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| 98. Betsey; m. Orra Warner. | 102. Delia. |
| 99. Susan; m. Col. Henry Merwin. | 103. Charles S.; m. Caroline I. Gaylord, Oct. 4, 1848. |
| 100. Maria. | |
| 101. Sarah. | 104. Ann; m. Henry Elliott. |

63. Peter 2d, son of Peter and Sarah Gaylord, m. Elizabeth Briggs.

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| 105. John. | 107. Harmon. |
| 106. Charlotte; m. Wm. H. Evans. | 108. William. |

64. Elijah, son of Peter and Sarah Gaylord, m. Annie Stone.

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| 109. Eli. | 110. Sidney. |
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79. Albert N., son of Daniel H. and Phebe Gaylord, m. Julia M. Sanford.

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| 111. Albert D. | 113. Edward S. |
| 112. Harvey J. | |

81. Irwin B., son of Daniel H. and Phebe Gaylord, m. 1st, Sarah E. Allen, Oct. 26, 1848; m. 2d, Phebe L. Jewett.

Allen N.

By 2d Marriage.

114. Hermon J.
115. Jeanette L.

116. John.
117. William.

89. George, son of Nathan and Irene Gaylord, m. Janet Aitkin.

118. Marian I.

119. Isabella A.

John H., (Rev.) son of Joseph and Mima Gaylord, m. Almira Goodspeed.

120. Frank.

121. Floria.

1. GIDDINGS, George,¹ at the age of 25, and Jane Tuttle, his wife, aged 20, came from England in 1635, and settled in the town of Ipswich, Mass. He was born in 1608, and brought with him a recommendation from the minister of St. Albans, of Hertfordshire, and became a man of position and influence; was deputy of the General Court several years, selectman, and elder in the first church. He died June 1, 1676. His widow Jane died in March, 1680. Ch.:

2. Thomas, b. in 1638.
3. John, b. in 1639.
4. James, b. in 1641.
5. Samuel, b. in 1645.

6. Joseph Collins, b.
7. Sarah.
8. Mary.
9. George.

3. John, son of George and Jane (Tuttle) Giddings, m. Sarah ——. He was a commoner, or owner of land, in 1678; was a lieutenant and a deputy to the General Court. He died before Feb. 20, 1690.

10. George, b. 1664.
11. Elizabeth, m. in 1685.
12. Jane; m. in 1691.
13. Sarah, b. in 1672.
14. John, b. in 1675.

15. Job, b. in 1677.
16. Solomon, b. in 1679.
17. Joshua, b. in 1681.
18. Thomas, b. in 1683.
19. Mary, b. in 1686.

18. Thomas, son of John and Sarah Giddings, m. 1708, Sarah Butler(?); removed from Ipswich to Gloucester, where he remained eleven years, when he removed to Lyme, Conn., and settled on land he purchased, near Beaver Brook. Ch.:

20. Job.
21. Joseph, b. 1714.
22. John.

23. Joshua, b. 1719.
24. Thomas, b. 1723.

20. Job, son of Thomas and Sarah Giddings, m. Sarah Rathbone, Sept. 5, 1733. He removed with his father to Lyme about 1723, where he died May 25, 1748. Ch.:

25. Dorcas, b. Jan. 6, 1735; m. in Lyme.
26. William, b. Mar. 24, 1737; settled in Sherman, Conn.
27. George, b. Dec. 27, 1737; d. in Rome, N. Y., during the French war.

28. Sarah, b. Sept. 3, 1742; m.
29. Job, b. Aug. 16, 1744.
30. Ann, b. July 25, 1746.
31. Zebulon, b. Mar. 23, 1748.

26. Capt. William, son of Job and Sarah Giddings, settled in New Fairfield, North Society, about 1761; m. Lydia, dau. of Dea. Daniel Noble, June 2, 1763. He was made captain of the trainband in 1753, and served as captain in the Revolution. He was a farmer, and deacon of the Cong. Church of Sherman.

32. Lucinda, b. Apr. 10, 1764; m., and d. in Dover, N. Y.
33. Mary; m. Benjamin Soule.

34. Sarah, b. July 9, 1766; m. Bennet Pickett.
35. Dorcas, b. July 30, 1768; m. Amos Leach.
36. George, b. June 2, 1777.

¹ Giddings Genealogy, by M. S. Giddings; pub. 1882.

37. Noble, b. Feb. 6, 1774.
 38. William, b. Oct. 17, 1776.
 39. David, b. Mar. 9, 1779.
 40. Buel, b. Sept. 29, 1781.

41. Lydia, b. May 10, 1784.
 42. Daniel Noble, b. Aug. 1, 1788.
 43. Ann, b. Sept. 27, 1792.

40. Buel, son of William and Lydia Giddings, m. Sarah Reasoner in 1807. He was a wheelwright, and died in Dover, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1860. She died Mar. 23, 1880, aged 92.

44. Van Rensselaer, b. in 1807.
 45. Adelia Ann, b. Mar. 4, 1809.
 46. Wm. Jackson, b. July 23, 1812.

47. Orrin Noble, b. Feb. 21, 1814.
 48. Martin L., b. Aug. 25, 1819.
 49. William, b. Sept. 19, 1821.

44. Van Rensselaer, son of Buel Giddings, m. Jan. 31, 1833, Sarah Maria, dau. of Heth and Jerusha Canfield. She was born Jan. 30, 1812, in New Milford, and died at West Stratford, Conn., in 1875. He m. 2d, Mrs. Nancy Kinney, in 1877. Mr. Giddings was reared on a farm; obtained a good common school education, and taught school several seasons. He also learned the trade of a clothier, and followed that business in New Milford a few years. In 1838 he purchased a farm in Montrose county in Pennsylvania, and settled upon it, where he remained five years, and then sold the farm and returned to New Milford. He followed farming, and also the cattle trade; going nearly every winter for several years to the northern counties of New York and purchasing cattle and driving them to Connecticut, and selling them. He purchased the "Miles place," of 100 acres, in Park Lane, where he made his home for several years; the house, which is now about 140 years old, was formerly kept as a tavern, and the crane which supported the sign is still hanging in the large tree in front of the house. This place he sold, and removed to Plymouth, Conn., and thence to Bridgeport, where he remained two years, when he returned to New Milford, erected a house in the village, in which he resided a few years, engaging in the grocery business. He then purchased a farm in Park Lane, east of the "Miles place," which he formerly owned, and is residing on it at the present time. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace several years, and also Assessor, and other town offices, and is a corporator of the Savings Bank of New Milford. Ch.:

45. Van Rensselaer Canfield, b. Nov. 19, 1834.
 46. Nellie Canfield; m. Minot S. Giddings.

45. Van Rensselaer C., son of Van Rensselaer and Sarah M. Giddings, taught school several seasons, laboring on the farm in the summer time. After attending Yale Law School, he studied law with Hon. Ammi Giddings at Plymouth, Ct., and was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession first in Winsted, Conn., in 1862. In 1864 he joined with Henry Sanford of New Milford in the law practice, but in the autumn of that year settled in Plymouth, taking the place of Hon. Ammi Giddings, where he was successful, and was elected Judge of Probate, Town Clerk, and to fill other offices, while he remained in the town. In 1869 he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., and entered into partnership with Minot S. Giddings in the wholesale grocery business. He purchased a home in West Stratford, and on becoming a resident of that town was elected first selectman. When the borough of West Stratford was organized he was chosen its attorney, which position he still holds. In 1873 he withdrew from the firm and engaged in his profession at Bridgeport, where he is successfully prosecuting it at the present time. He is attorney for the North American Attorneys and Tradesmen's Union Company. He m. Oct. 22, 1862, Minnie E., dau. of James Nelson Paige, formerly of Sherman, but now of Bridgeport. Ch.:

47. Ida Augusta.
 48. Belle Canfield.

21. Capt. Joseph, son of Thomas and Sarah Giddings of Lyme, m. Oct. 24, 1737, Eunice Andrus of Ipswich, Mass., and removed about 1752 to Sherman,

Conn. His name appears on the church records of Sherman first Oct. 6, 1752, in connection with the baptism of his daughter Sarah. He was admitted to the church by letter from the Third Church of Lyme, July 15, 1754. In the Colonial Records is the following: "1760. This Assembly do establish Mr. Joseph Giddings to be Captain of the North company or Trainband in the North Society in New Fairfield." (New Fairfield afterwards became the town of Sherman, Conn.)

In 1775 he was at the head of a committee to build a new house of worship, and it is evident that he was a leading man in the town. His first wife died, and he m. 2d, Elizabeth Hungerford. He died Jan. 10, 1803. She died Sept. 5, 1815, aged 99 years and 11 months.

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| 50. James, b. July 24, 1738; m. Sept. 23, 1761, Lois, dau. of Nathan Terrell of New Milford. | 54. Sarah, bapt. Oct. 6, 1752. |
| 51. Jonathan, b. Apr. 18, 1741. | 55. Joseph, bapt. Aug. 18, 1759. |
| 52. Solomon, b. May 13, 1743. | 56. Mary. |
| 53. Benjamin, b. Mar. 20, 1750; settled in Vt. | 57. Hannah. |
| | 58. Lydia; m. ——— Stewart. |

51. Jonathan, son of Capt. Joseph and Eunice Giddings, m. Mary, dau. of Gamaliel Baldwin, Jan. 2, 1766, and became an enterprising, successful farmer in Sherman. He served in the Revolutionary war; being sent at one time in command of a scouting party, on which occasion they were nine days without food, except as they subsisted on roots and herbs in the woods.

Having received a severe wound he obtained his discharge and returned home. He was one of the original proprietors of the Western Reserve in Ohio, being associated with Elijah Boardman's company in that purchase. (See page 575.) Having married the daughter of Gamaliel Baldwin, he afterwards came into possession of Mr. Baldwin's farm on the west side of the Housatonic River, fronting on the Wiminam (Wemisink) brook; which property remained in possession of the Giddings family about 100 years. He died Apr. 8, 1817; the inventory of his estate being \$18,000. His widow Mary died Feb. 20, 1824.

59. Gamaliel Baldwin, b. Oct. 6, 1766; m. Tabitha Eunice Barnes; in advanced age he removed to Palmyra, Ohio.

60. Rebecca, b. Jan. 2, 1769; m. Capt. Revilo Fuller, July 10, 1791. He was the son of Doct. Oliver Fuller, who was surgeon in the army during the Revolution. Capt. Fuller was born in Sherman, July 26, 1768, and d. in Salisbury, Oct. 31, 1846. They were members of the Cong. Church. His children were born in Kent, where he resided some years before he settled in Salisbury.

I. John Ransom Fuller, b. Feb. 13, 1792; a resident of Kent.

II. Amzi Fuller, b. Oct. 19, 1793; a resident lawyer in Wayne Co., Pa.

III. Louisa Fuller, b. Dec. 25, 1795; d. Dec. 2, 1863. She m. Feb. 19, 1815, Luther Cook of Torrington, Conn., and had John Winthrop and James Ashborn. (See Hist. of Torrington.)

IV. Jonathan G. Fuller, b. July 6, 1798; a resident of N. Y.

V. Robert Nelson Fuller, b. Sept. 27, 1799; d. May, 1869. He m. Anna Burt of Great Barrington, Mass.; resided on his

father's homestead; was Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate.

VI. Adaline Fuller, b. Dec. 28, 1801; d. Dec., 1838. She m. David Northrop of Sherman; had a dau., Salina, who d. aged 22 years. He removed to Middletown, Ct.; m. 2d, Mrs. Clarissa Ward Whittlesey; had David Ward Northrop, who graduated at Middletown College, and is a prominent lawyer at that place; is now Secretary of State-elect; and Etta Northrop.

VII. Thomas Fuller, b. Feb. 26, 1804; d. in Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 16, 1843. He m. 1st, Caroline Nichols of N. Y. Her mother's home was afterwards at New Milford, Conn. Mrs. Fuller d. in Bethany, Pa.,—no ch.,—and he m. 2d, Martha Robins of N. Y. They had: Mary R. Fuller; m. Ralph L. Briggs, a physician of Honesdale, Pa., and William J. Fuller, a resident on his father's homestead at Honesdale.

VIII. Revilo Fuller, b. Aug. 3, 1806; m. 1st, Caroline Hungerford, who died in 1859. He m. 2d, Ruth E. Denis of Albion, N. Y., she being a great-granddaughter of President Stiles of Yale College. He died Feb. 18,

1871; and his widow, Ruth E., m. 2d, William N. Canfield of New Milford. Mr. Fuller was a prominent citizen of Sherman, Ct., serving as Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, and member of the Legislature. His children were Oliver Franklin and Jane Rebecca, who m. the Rev. Edward J. Giddings of Housatonic, Mass.

Mr. Oliver Franklin Fuller was a clerk in an apothecary's store in Poughkeepsie, and in 1852 went to Chicago, Ill., and started the drug business as partner with Myron P. Roberts. Various changes have taken place in the company, but the house and business is the largest of the kind in the northwest, and their store, which covers lots 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 on Market street, was the only wholesale building of any kind left standing in the city after the fire of 1871. Their present store on the corner of Randolph and Franklin streets, Chicago, is said to be the most magnificent drug store in the world. Mr. Fuller m. in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1858, Phebe Ann Shipley, and had sons, Henry M., Frank R., and Charles.

IX. Rebecca, b. Apr. 15, 1808; m. John

Torrey, Sept. 28, 1830, of Bethany, Pa., and settled at Honesdale, Pa. Their children are: Edwin Fuller, Ellen Caroline, Caroline Nichols, Robert Nelson, Adaline Northrop, Henry Fuller, Thomas Fuller, John, and Frances Rebecca.

X. Armida, b. Jan. 1, 1811; d. May 17, 1815.

61. James Andrus, b. Apr. 3, 1771.
62. Armida, b. Apr. 21, 1773; m. David Gaylord. (See Gaylord family.)
63. Solomon, b. Mar. 25, 1775; settled in Williamstown, Mass.
64. Jonathan, b. Feb. 18, 1777.
66. Polly, b. Oct. 2, 1779; m. Andrew Barnes, from Lyme, Conn. They settled on the southern part of Stillson Hill in New Milford, where he was an extensive farmer, and where he died Jan. 3, 1858. His wife died Sept. 21, 1844. (See Barnes.)
67. Laura, b. in 1786; m. Sturges Penfield, and they removed to Pittsford, Vt. He was a merchant and manufacturer of cotton goods and carpets.
68. Samuel, b. May 13, 1782.

55. Joseph, Jr., son of Capt. Joseph and Eunice Giddings, m. 1st, Abigail, dau. of Stephen Crane, Nov. 24, 1765. He m. 2d, Mrs. Susannah (Bristol) Baldwin, widow of John Baldwin, who was killed by the falling of a limb of tree, about a mile southeast from Northville in N. M. After his second marriage he resided on the farm near Northville, where he died. Ch.:

69. Hiram.
70. Stephen, b. Feb. 17, 1793.
71. Sally; m. about 1806, Nathan Taylor of Northville.
72. Amanda; m. Fowler Bryant of Washington, Conn., and had: Esther, who m. John Ross

of Dover, N. Y.; Seth P., who sailed from a port on Lake Ontario and was never heard from; Fowler, who m.; had a dau., Amanda, who m. Mr. Beers, whose daughter m. Andrew Buckingham.

73. Marilla; d. Oct. 19, 1864, in N. M., æ. 64.

61. James A., son of Jonathan and Mary Giddings, m. 1st, Eunice Penfield, Apr. 3, 1794. She was b. Apr. 25, 1778, and d. suddenly Jan. 22, 1842. He m. 2d, Rachel, widow of John Seelye. Ch.:

By first wife.

80. Sophia, b. Mar. 16, 1795; m. Clarke Pickett of Sherman; had, I, Mary E.; m. Alfred Giddings; II, Mason, who m. Elizabeth Cogswell of New Preston, Conn., and had one son, Charles W., who m. Marie Sperry.
81. Isaac B., b. Feb. 18, 1797; removed to N. Y. state.
82. Laura A., b. Sept. 5, 1799; m. Jan. 8, 1819, Nehemiah B. Northrop, and removed to Fulton, N. Y.

83. John, b. in 1799; d. May 9, 1828.
84. James A., b. Sept. 27, 1801.
85. Charlotte, b. Sept. 5, 1804; m. John O. Northrop of Sherman.
86. Eunice, b. June 3, 1807; m. Levi Penfield of New Fairfield.
87. David, b. in 1812; d. unm. in 1874.
88. Jonathan Allen, b. Dec. 27, 1814; m. Eliza E. Stevens, and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich.

68. Samuel, son of Jonathan and Mary Giddings, m. 1st, Lydia, dau. of Capt. and Dea. William Giddings, Jan. 15, 1810. She died July 12, 1829. He m. 2d, Armida, dau. of Ebenezer Sanford, in 1831. He possessed great physical strength and was skilled in athletic sports. He was seen to take up a barrel of cider with his hands and place it in a wagon. He was six feet in height, of dignified

appearance, dark hair, only slightly gray when he was 70 years of age, a friend to the poor, and always extended a generous hospitality to friends who visited him. He was a Whig in politics; read Greeley's *Tribune* from its origin; held public offices in his town, and was a lieutenant in the military company. He settled on a farm in the Giddings district in the town of Sherman, where he acquired a comfortable property, and used it generously; was a member of the Congregational Church and Society. He was remarkably healthy, never having but slight illness until the last one, which soon terminated his life, Feb. 10, 1853. His widow Armida is still living, and resides with her son in the village of New Milford, being in her 86th year, and possessing much activity and physical strength. Ch.:

89. Rebecca, b. Dec. 19, 1810; m. Hiram Giddings. 94. William Henry, b. July 21, 1820; m. Flora E. Leach.

90. Sally Ann, b. June 24, 1812; d. Mar. 26, 1831. 95. Ann Janette, b. Jan. 26, 1823; d. Jan. 8, 1855.

91. Dorcas, b. May 13, 1814; m. Harvey H. B. Turner. 96. Caroline, b. Jan. 22, 1825; m. David N. Fuller.

92. Armida, b. Dec. 30, 1815; d. May 18, 1818.

By second wife.

93. Alfred, b. Mar. 5, 1818; m. Mary E. Pickett. 97. Minot S., b. Mar. 19, 1837.

84. *James A., Jr.*, son of James A. and Eunice Giddings, m. Susan H., dau. of Gershom Barlow of Sherman, Dec. 9, 1823, and settled about 1827 in New Milford, on the Danbury road, about two miles south of Lanesville. He is a prosperous farmer; has been justice of the peace, and is an influential, respected citizen. His wife, Susan H., d. June 10, 1868. He m. 2d, Helen M. Jackson, May 10, 1871. Ch.:

98. John Penfield; m. Feb. 27, 1849, Martha Merwin, and had John Penfield, who m. Susan Frost; resides in Brookfield.

99. Albert; m. Imogene S. Chase, Oct. 3, 1858; and resides in Elmira, N. Y.

100. Alfred; m. Huldah E. Colburn, and resides at Union Grove, Wis.

101. Gershom B.; m. Jane A. Haviland, May 16, 1855, and is a farmer, residing at Lanesville. They had Martha, who m. Merwin Hine of Sherman, and they have a dau., Eleanor Francis.

102. Mary Ann; m. Dea. Alfred Somers, June 30, 1859, who is of the firm of Peck & Somers, merchants, of Brookfield, Ct. They have Edwin Merwin, Minnie Sophia.

103. Susan H.; m. Israel Atwater Merwin, and they reside at Merwin's Point, Milford, Ct., and have Mary Bell, who m. Clifford E. Clark; Charles A., James Dwight, and Rosalie G.

104. James Andrus; m. Oct., 1854. He is a farmer and dealer in tobacco in N. M.

105. Betsey B.; m. Nov. 17, 1857; Allen Fields Andrew of Orange, Conn., and has Burton Giddings and Leonard Fields.

106. Levi Penfield; is proprietor of the mills at the Little Falls on the Housatonic in N. M. He m. Ellen Beers of Brookfield, May 10, 1866, and has son, Daniel Beers.

107. Eunice P.; m. Theodore St. John, M.D., of Thomaston, Conn., Jan. 11, 1882.

93. *Alfred*, son of Samuel and Lydia Giddings, m. Mary E. Pickett, Nov., 1843, and was a successful farmer in the northern part of Sherman, where he d. Nov. 19, 1878.

108. George Clark; m. Augusta G. Briggs, Nov. 6, 1847; resides on his father's homestead. 109. Sophia Caroline; m. Maltby G. Gelston, Feb. 9, 1875.

94. *William H.*, son of Samuel and Lydia Giddings, m. Flora E. Leach, June 11, 1851, who d. Sept. 29, 1864, æ. 37 years. He was an enterprising farmer in Sherman; d. Mar. 27, 1865.

Edith A., b. in 1853; d. Sept. 6, 1864.

Laura Elizabeth, b. Feb. 22, 1860; d. Sept. 4, 1881.

Hannah Adella, b. 1855; d. Oct. 22, 1870.

97. *Minot S.*, son of Samuel and Armida Giddings, attended school at the Gaylordsville Institute, North Bergen Institute, N. J., Amenia Seminary, N. Y., and Williston Seminary of East Hampton, Mass. He m. Nellie Canfield, dau. of Mr. V. R. Giddings of New Milford, Nov. 25, 1863, and settled on his father's

homestead in Sherman, where he had taken the care of the farm from the age of 16 years, at the time of his father's death, Feb. 10, 1853. In 1865 he sold the homestead, and removed to New Milford, and in the autumn of that year engaged in the grocery business at Bridgeport, where he remained about six months, and then entered the firm of Hawes and Giddings in the wholesale produce commission business, to which was soon after added the wholesale grocery business, with various changes of partners in the firm until January, 1877, when he disposed of his interest in that firm. Since 1878 he has been connected with a tea firm of New York city, as traveling agent, and published in 1882 *The Giddings Family*, a volume of 227 pages, which must have required considerable research and diligent effort. His wife, Nellie C., d. May 22, 1876. He m. 2d, Mrs. Emma M., widow of Doct. John B. Snow, a dental surgeon of Bridgeport, Conn. She was the dau. of Sidney and Sarah Ueberfeld of New Haven, Conn. Their residence is pleasantly located in the village of New Milford, on the bank of the Housatonic River.

104. James, son of James A., Jr., and Susan H. Giddings, m. Oct., 1854, Emily Buel. He is a farmer and dealer in leaf tobacco in N. M. Ch.: Mary Alice; m. Homer Wanzer, and has Susan Emily.

1. GILLETT, Eliphalet, m. Mary, whose will was dated Jan. 28, 1731, and she d. soon after. Her will was probated Mar. 15, 1731. He m. 2d, Hannah, whom he mentions in his will dated Jan. 29, 1746-7.

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| 2. Eliphalet. | 7. Rachel; m. — Collins. |
| 3. Jeremiah. | 8. Abraham. |
| 4. Jonathan. | 9. Hannah. |
| 5. Ephraim. | 10. Agnes. |
| 6. Mary; m. — Lambert. | |

8. Abraham, son of Eliphalet and Mary Gillett of Milford, came to New Milford and m. Abigail Prindle, Jan. 28, 1730. His father and mother deeded him a half Right of land in N. M., Jan. 29, 1728-9.

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| 11. Hannah, b. July 24, 1730; m. Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. | 12. Abigail, b. July 19, 1732. |
| | 13. Jonathan, b. Dec. 16, 1734. |

Abraham Gillett, what one is not known, had the following children baptized: Sarah, bapt. Jan. 1, 1764. Abigail, bapt. June 30, 1765.

GLASFORD, Hugh, and wife, Thankful.

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| 1. Polly, b. July 2, 1770. | 2. Betsey, b. Feb. 19, 1778. |
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GORHAM, Samuel, m. Betsey L. Keith, Mar. 5, 1840.

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| 1. Eliza Jane, b. Jan. 28, 1841. | 4. George Burr, b. Mar. 21, 1845. |
| 2. Laura Ann, b. June 28, 1842. | 5. Helen Susan, b. Apr. 6, 1847. |
| 3. Eunice Maria, b. Aug. 23, 1844. | 6. Mary Ellen, b. Nov. 25, 1849. |

GOULD, William, and wife, Mary, with several children, came to New Milford about 1717. He assisted in building the first grist-mill, for which he received land at Park Lane, where he made his home. He d. Feb. 15, 1730. Ch.:

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| 1. William, bapt. in March, 1719. | 4. Abigail, b. July 23, 1718. |
| 2. Job, bapt. in March, 1719. | 5. Samuel, b. June 14, 1720; d. June 26, 1720. |
| 3. Ann, bapt. in March, 1719; m. Joseph Buck, 1729. | 6. Mary, b. Aug. 1, 1724. |

2. Job, son of William and Mary Gould, m. Sarah Prindle, June 17, 1731. He d. Mar. 22, 1751.

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| 6. Job, b. Mar. 5, 1732; d. | 10. William, b. May 14, 1740. |
| 7. Abigail, b. Aug. 3, 1733. | 11. Sarah, b. Sept. 4, 1743. |
| 8. Rachel, b. Mar. 12, 1734-5. | 12. David, b. Nov. 16, 1745. |
| 9. Job, b. Dec. 28, 1736. | 13. Annis, b. July 31, 1748; d. Feb. 28, 1753. |

D. Job, Jr., son of Job and Sarah Gould, m. Martha Hurlbut of Sharon, Mar. 24, 1767.

14. Lyman, b. Dec. 23, 1769.

GRANT, Capt. Thomas, of Litchfield. His widow, Rachel, m. Paul Welch, Esqr., of New Milford.

Anna; m. Amos Northrop of N. M.

Friend; graduate of Yale; d. in Litchfield.

Sarah; m. Amos Bostwick.

Thomas Friend; d. in N. M., Jan. 8, 1759.

Rachel; m. David Northrop of N. M.

GREGORY, Samuel, m. Mehitable, dau. of James Buck. She d. in N. M., Mar. 27, 1796, æ. 42 years.

1. Ruth; m. Joseph Leonard of Kent, and had 2 children. 2. Lucy; m. Jacob Howland of N. M.; had 4 children.

GRISWOLD, David, and wife Deliverance.

1. Anne, b. Feb. 22, 1716.

3. Elijah, b. May 20, 1719.

2. Gideon, b. Oct. 2, 1717.

4. Mary, b. Feb. 15, 1720-21; d. Jan. 21, 1721-2.

Griswold, John, m. Mabel Boardman, sister of Rev. Daniel Boardman, and came to N. M. about 1717. He d. Dec. 24, 1719, leaving several children.

Mabel, bapt. in 1718.

Thankful; m. Thomas Starr.

John, b. Mar. 1, 1720.

Jeremiah, probably son of John and Mabel Griswold, m. Hannah ———.

Seth, b. May 30, 1740.

Mabel, b. Mar. 5, 1746.

Asabel, b. Jan. 23, 1743-4.

John, probably son of John and Mabel Griswold, m. Phebe Collins Nov. 29, 1750.

John, b. Sept. 16, 1751.

David, b. July 29, 1761.

Nathan, b. Mar. 5, 1756.

Asaph, b. Oct. 17, 1766.

Adonijah, b. June 11, 1759.

Doctor, b. Nov. 30, 1770.

1. Griswold, Rev. Stanley, m. Elizabeth Flagg of East Hartford, Aug. 5, 1789. He was pastor in N. M.

2. James Fitzhubert, b. Aug. 18, 1790.

4. Cornelia, b. May 6, 1801.

3. Henry Wm., b. Oct. 5, 1795.

GUNN, Nathan, m. Hannah, dau. of John Welch, May 10, 1741. He d. in 1750, or early in 1751.

1. Ann, b. Apr. 16, 1742.

4. Abel, b. Sept. 20, 1747.

2. Ruth, b. Dec. 20, 1743.

5. Jane, b. Jan. 4, 1749-50.

3. Reuben, b. Dec. 17, 1745.

4. Abel, son of Nathan and Hannah Gunn, m. Martha, dau. of Theophilus Baldwin, July 18, 1771. He m. 2d, Abigail Northrop, May 30, 1776.

6. Nathan, b. Sept. 23, 1772.

10. John Nathan, b. Dec. 28, 1779.

7. Luna.

11. Arthur, b. July 5, 1783.

8. Anor.

12. William.

9. Harriet.

13. Henry; m. Caroline Gifford and had ch.

Gunn, Abner, and wife Mary.

1. Abner.

3. Nathan.

2. Epenetus, b. in 1757.

4. Mary; m. Stephen Miles, and d. Aug. 31, 1780.

HARD, Abraham, and wife Charity.

1. Betty, b. Apr. 29, 1762.

3. Lisander, b. Mar. 25, 1769.

2. Abraham, b. July 7, 1766.

1. HATCH, Charles E., m. Helen E., dau. of John Knowles, and resides on the old Ebenezer Hill place, west of Lanesville.

2. John Sanford.

4. Lillie Gertrude.

3. George Winfred.

5. Frederick Duane.

HERVEY, Joel, m. Sarah Thatcher of Lebanon, Dec. 13, 1737. She was probably sister to Partridge Thatcher. Mr. Hervey settled in New Milford before his marriage, on a farm at the mouth of Rocky river, which land was laid to him in several pieces. He built a saw-mill at that place in company with Joseph Seelye. The mill and the farm was purchased by Partridge Thatcher in January, 1743, and Mr. Hervey removed to Sharon, Conn.

Children born in New Milford.

1. Mary, b. Mar. 26, 1738-9; m. Rev. Thomas Davies, A.M., Apr. 1, 1762. He was the second pastor of the Episcopal Church in New Milford. (See Biog.)
2. Ann, b. Sept. 4, 1740.
3. Patience, b. May 3, 1742.

HAWKINS, Robert, and wife Rebecca, came to N. M., and she d. Aug. 25, 1756. He m. 2d, Rachel Baldwin, Jan. 3, 1758.

1. Abiel, b. May 27, 1760.
2. Resign, bapt. Sept., 1761.
3. Child, bapt. Nov. 7, 1762.

Hawkins, Zadoc, of Derby, m. Lydia Wilmot, Aug. 4, 1754, and settled in N. M. not long after, where he remained a few years and returned to Derby, where he m. 2d, Elizabeth ———.

1. William Wilmot, b. Nov. 14, 1757.
2. Zadoc, b. Oct. 6, 1759.
3. Peter, b. Jan. 24, 1761.
4. Lydia, b. Dec. 26, 1762.
5. Reuben, b. Feb. 5, 1765.
6. Damaris, b. July 29, 1766.

1. Jehiel, son of Ephraim and Phebe (Curtis) Hawley, m. Sarah ———, Mar. 30, 1731. She was b. Aug. 14, 1713. He was b. Feb. 14, 1712-13. He resided in Shepaug Neck; became an influential, well-to-do farmer; was enterprising in the interests of the town until after 1761, when he removed to Canaan or an adjoining town.

2. Andrew, b. June 22, 1732.
3. Phebe, b. July 1, 1734; m. John Treat.
4. Anna, b. Nov. 26, 1736.
5. Abijah, b. Jan. 30, 1737-8.
6. Mary, b. Mar. 24, 1739.
7. Jephtha, b. Sept. 22, 1740; m. Esther Castle
8. Ruth, b. Aug. 19, 1742.
9. Jehiel, b. Sep. 19, 1744.
10. Curtis, b. Apr. 4, 1747.

2. Andrew, son of Jehiel and Sarah Hawley, m. Ann Hard, Jan. 2, 1757, and the following were recorded in New Milford. Ch.:

11. Eli, b. Nov. 20, 1757.
12. Philo, b. July 3, 1759.
13. Zadoc, b. June 15, 1761.
14. Adoniram, b. May 31, 1763.
15. Jehiel, b. May 31, 1765.

1. Hawley, Nathan, son of Ephraim and Phebe (Curtis) Hawley, m. Keziah Bunnell, Nov. 8, 1733. He was one of the earliest settlers in Bridgewater part of New Milford.

2. Keziah, b. Dec. 19, 1736.
 3. Eunice, b. Jan. 12, 1739-40.
 4. Patience, b. July 26, 1741.
 5. Nathan,
 6. Benjamin
- } twins, { b. July 31, 1743; m. Sarah Kent, May 1, 1765, and had a son Abner, b. Mar. 22, 1766.
7. Ira, b. Aug. 10, 1745.
 8. Jabez, b. Aug. 29, 1749.
 9. Abijah, b. Dec. 6, 1751.

Hawley, Capt. Matthew, son of Ephraim and Phebe (Curtis) Hawley, m. Abigail, dau. of Stephen Noble, Dec. 21, 1737. She d. Oct. 30, 1738. He m. 2d, Hannah Buck, Dec. 3, 1740. He d. in Canaan, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1800, æ. 87 years. Children:

2. Matthew, bapt. Oct. 27, 1738.
3. Daniel, b. Sep. 4, 1741.
4. Abigail, b. Feb. 3, 1743-4.
5. Asahel, b. Oct. 28, 1748.

1. Hawley, Ephraim, m. Ann Chapman of Unity in Stratford, June 12, 1739.

2. Amos, b. Oct. 26, 1739.
3. Peter, b. Feb. 14, 1741.

4. Ephraim, } b. Sep. 25, 1748.
5. Ann, }

1. Hawley, Hezekiah, m. Sarah Phelps of Harwinton, Feb. 7, 1750-1.

2. Mary, b. Oct. 21, 1751; d. Nov. 27, 1751.
3. Samuel, b. Oct. 18, 1752.
4. Sarah, b. May 28, 1754.

5. Stephen, b. Jan. 30, 1756.
6. Joseph Chrysanostom, b. Oct. 10, 1757.

1. Hawley, David, and wife, Ruth.

2. Joseph, b. July 13, 1750.

3. Phebe, b. May 12, 1752.

HENDRY, Eleazer, m. Martha Stone, Oct. 2, 1782.

1. Sarah, b. Sep. 14, 1783.

1. HILL, John, was one of the early settlers of Plymouth, and was at Dorchester, Mass., in 1633. He became a member of the Boston Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and was Captain thereof in 1647. He d. at Dorchester in 1664. Some of his descendants settled in Sherborn and Holliston, and from these the New Milford families are descended.

2. Silas Hill, b. in 1733, came from Sherborn or Holliston to New Fairfield, Conn., in company with his brother Solomon, who died soon after his arrival, and tradition says he was the first white man who died in that town. Silas m. at New Fairfield, Sarah Leach, and removed to New Milford. In 1756 he enlisted a soldier in the French War, and served about one year. On Jan. 28, 1760, he purchased of John Prindle several pieces of land on the plains in N. M., with a dwelling-house, and made his residence there that spring, where Charles Hatch now resides. His wife Sarah d. Apr. 3, 1792, in her 56th year. He d. Oct. 1, 1798, in his 66th year.

3. Solomon, b. in 1759.
4. Sarah, b. Nov. 16, 1761; m. Moses Wanzer, and d. in Vt.
5. Silas; removed to Pictou, Canada, where he left numerous descendants.
6. Keziah, m. Reuben Sherwood.
7. Polly, m. Daniel Sherwood.

8. Johannah, b. Dec. 9, 1763; m. Elizur Knowles.
9. Perthena, m. Jehiel Smith, who lived on east side of the Pinchgut plains.
10. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 15, 1778.
11. Mercy; m. Asahel Stone; removed to Ohio.
12. Arilla; m. 1st, Darius Omstead from Redding; 2d, Platt (?)

3. Solomon, son of Silas and Sarah Hill, m. Amy Stone, Jan. 16, 1783. She d. Mar. 30, 1836, æ. 73. He d. Aug. 29, 1839, æ. 80, in Merryall.

13. Solomon, b. Feb. 8, 1784.
14. Noah Ingersoll, b. Dec. 16, 1785.
15. Sally, b. Dec. 8, 1787; m. James Graham.
16. Silas, b. Apr. 16, 1789.

17. Joyce, b. June 25, 1791; m. Salmon Morehouse.
18. Garner, b. Aug. 3, 1796; d. May 11, 1819. Drowned in Housatonic.
19. Amy Maria, b. July 5, 1809; m. Orman Marsh.

10. Ebenezer, son of Silas and Sarah Hill, m. Philotheta, "dau. of John F. Lessey and Ann his wife," Nov. 27, 1800. She was b. in N. M., June 16, 1781. He d. Aug. 15, 1856, æ. 78, on his father's homestead.

20. Amy, b. Jan. 30, 1803; m. Wm. Bostwick.
21. Eliza Ann, b. June 8, 1806; m. Harry S. Warner.
22. Maria, b. Dec. 22, 1809; m. Orin B. Marsh.
23. Sarah Ann, b. Mar. 12, 1813, m. Charles C. Sabin.

13. Solomon, son of Solomon and Amy Hill, m. Hannah Tuttle, and resided at the foot of Long Mountain, east side.

24. William.
25. Lucius, b. Aug. 31, 1817.
26. Reuben.
27. Joyce; m. Mills Turrill.

28. Jane; m. Andrew Clark.
29. Julia; m. Marshall Marsh.
30. Jennette; m. Albert Ferriss.

14. Noah Ingersoll, son of Solomon and Amy Hill, m. Aurilla Stilson. She d. July 10, 1862, æ. 79.

31. Solomon Baldwin.
32. Horace; m. Julia Dunham.

33. Noah.
34. Albert S.

16. Silas, son of Solomon and Amy Hill, m. Polly Platt, Feb. 28, 1813.

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| 1. Susan, b. Dec. 1, 1814; m. David D. M. Buck. | 38. Laura Caroline, b. June 1, 1822. |
| 2. Merwin Platt, b. Nov. 28, 1817. | 39. Silas Byron, b. Aug. 21, 1834. |
| 3. Marshall Gomer, b. Mar. 11, 1820. | |

24. William, son of Solomon 2d, and Hannah Hill, m. ——— Barnes; resides in Michigan.

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| 1. Lucius I. | 44. Jennette. | 48. Solomon. |
| 2. Julia L. | 45. Julia I. | 49. Solomon. |
| 3. Martha I. | 46. Amy J. | 50. Silas E. |
| 4. George W. | 47. William L. | |

25. Lucius, son of Solomon 2d, and Hannah, m. Mary Sherwood, Feb. 14, 1849.

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| 51. Enoch, b. Oct. 14, 1850. | 54. Eddie, b. Aug. 16, 1857. |
| 52. Henry, b. Mar. 16, 1852; d. Feb. 10, 1865. | 55. Hulda C., b. Oct. 5, 1862. |
| 53. Garwood, b. Sep. 20, 1854. | |

26. Reuben, son of Solomon 2d, and Hannah Hill, m. 1st, Sarah House; m. 2d, ——— Canfield.

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| 56. George O. | 58. Eliza. |
| 57. William. | 59. Martha. |

31. Solomon B., son of Noah I. and Aurilla Hill, m. Rebecca Brown; residence in N. Y. State. She d. Apr. 30, 1846, æ. 36.

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| 60. Frederick. | 61. Frank. |
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33. Noah, son of Noah I. and Aurilla Hill, m. ——— Anthony; residence, Indiana.

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| 62. Mary; m. Newton Wilcox of N. Y. | 64. James K. Polk. |
| 63. Emma; d. | 65. Son. |

34. Albert S., son of Noah I. and Aurilla Hill, m. Elizabeth Wells; residence, Northville.

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| 66. Agnes, b. Aug. 3, 1847. | 68. George. |
| 67. Horace. | |

36. Merwin P., son of Silas and Polly Hill, m. Cornelius Marsh.

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| 69. Mary Ellen, b. Aug. 17, 1846; m. Charles Marsh. | 71. Allen S., b. Aug. 15, 1850; m. Urainir M. dau. of Lawrence Canfield, June 7, 1882. |
| 70. Sarah Cornelia, b. Mar. 23, 1849. | |

37. Marshall G., son of Silas and Polly Hill, m. ——— Platt.

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| 72. Edson. | 74. Merrit. |
| 73. Edwin, b. Aug. 8, 1848; d. | |

1. HILL, Jonathan, m. Mary Coady, May 25, 1782. He was born Apr. 8, 1755, and she was born June 11, 1759. Lived in Merryall.

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| 2. Samuel, b. Mar. 22, 1783. | 6. Rachel, b. May 19, 1794. |
| 3. Sarah, b. June 30, 1785. | 7. "Mericha," b. June 9, 1796. |
| 4. Anna, b. Feb. 12, 1789. | 8. Mary Eliza, b. Aug. 29, 1799. |
| 5. Love Maria, b. Mar. 5, 1792. | |

1. Hill, Ephraim, m. Charlotte Prime, Apr. 7, 1803.

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| 2. William Prime, b. Feb. 28, 1804. | 4. Jane Charlotte, b. Aug. 18, 1807. |
| 3. George J., b. Aug. 21, 1805. | |

1. HINE, Thomas, the first in America, had a home-lot in Milford 28 Jan., 1646. The name is spelled Hind, Hine, and Hinde. He died in Milford, and by will dated 1694, remembered, among several children, Stephen. He had ten children at least. In Lambert's History of New Haven Colony is a tradition that he relieved an Indian who was fastened on the marsh by the Mohawks to perish by the bites of musquitoes. For this act he was held in high regard by the neighboring

Indians, who said that when Hine or his descendants died, the Great Spirit took them at once to his big wigwam.¹ Ch.:

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| 2. Thomas, b. Oct., 1653. | 7. Stephen, b. Oct. 25, 1663. |
| 3. John, b. Mar. 17, 1656. | 8. Alice, b. Oct. 5, 1666. |
| 4. "Sonne," b. Dec., 1657. | 9. "Ealis" (dam.), b. Dec. 26, 1667. |
| 5. Samuel, b. Jan. 26, 1659-60. | 10. William, b. Aug. 15, 1670. |
| 6. George, b. June 22, 1662. | 11. George, b. June 29, 1673. |

7. *Stephen*, son of Thomas Hine, lived in Milford; had a list in 1712 of £101.05. He was a shoemaker. Ch.:

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| 12. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 14, 1693. | 14. Alexander, ——— 10, 1798. |
| 13. Stephen, b. May 22 or 23, 1695. | 15. Ambrose. |

15. *Ambrose*, son of Stephen Hine, m. Sarah ———. His will was dated 1749, and proved in 1750.

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| 16. Martha; m. Israel Thomas. | 19. Stephen, b. about 1721. |
| 17. Sarah. | 20. Ambrose. |
| 18. Charles. | |

19. *Stephen*, son of Ambrose Hine, m. Elizabeth Carrington, dau. of John, of Amity (afterwards Woodbridge), Jan. 26, 1744. He lived in Woodbridge, Conn., and died there Sept. 11, 1791, æ. 70. His wife Elizabeth died May 20, 1755, aged 25. He m. 2d, Patience, who died Dec. 24, 1769, æ. 41. He m. 3d, Susannah Smith of Bethany, Conn. She survived him, and m. April 17, 1794, Dea. Phineas Peck of Woodbridge; survived him, and died in Meriden, Conn., Nov. 22, 1810, æ. 74. Tradition says, while living in Milford he built for John Treat the first frame house ever built in Bridgewater, then a part of New Milford, and received his pay in common land, which he afterwards gave to his son Stephen. Ch.:

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| 21. Philene, b. July 30, 1749. | 26. Sarah. |
| 22. Moses, b. Dec. 9, 1751. | 27. Eunice. |
| 23. Elizabeth. | 28. Susannah. |
| 24. Stephen, b. Jan. 13, 1754. | 29. Esther, b. in 1777. |
| 25. Patience. | |

24. *Stephen, 2d*, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Hine, m. Naomi Peck of Woodbridge, June 19, 1782. She was born May 18, 1758, and died Oct. 5, 1818. He m. 2d, Anna Stilson. He died in Feb. 1833. Stephen Hine, 2d, came to New Milford and bought of John Treat, for £3 10s., a tract of land, about 138 acres, on the west side of Candlewood Mountain, April 18, 1774. This land descended to him largely as an heir of Miles Merwin of Milford. His father gave him about 215 acres of land located at the same place as the other. On this land he built a log house with but one window in it, and each pane of glass in the window cost him one bushel of wheat. He lived in this house six years, working to clear his lands, and two or three years after he began on it he was drafted in the Revolution, in the time of wheat harvest. He went to the war, and his neighbors harvested his wheat for him. He was at the Evacuation of New York, and afterwards was with Gen. Gates at the surrender of Burgoyne; and gave of his own knowledge the account of Arnold's bravery on that occasion,—of his great eagerness to go into the fight, and that until he had liberty to go, he (Arnold) conducted as a chained tiger. Stephen Hine brought from that battle a gun and powder-horn that he took from the body of a dead Hessian; the horn is still in possession of Doct. James Hine of New Milford. In 1798 he bought of Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., a large part of the Partridge Thatcher farm, at the mouth of Rocky River, with a saw-mill, flouring-mill, fulling-mill, clothing shop, and dye-shop. It is said he purchased and brought into New Milford the

¹ Baldwin Genealogy, p. 117.

first two-horse wagon that was brought into the town, and used it in peddling flour from this mill.

About 1808 his sons, Clark, Anan, and Isaac, took charge of this mill and clothing business, and formed a copartnership under the name of Hine Brothers, and introduced and practiced the art of coloring blue cloths. In 1813 Hine's woolen factory was built by them, and the enterprise was of considerable importance in the town. In 1819 this partnership was dissolved, and Anan Hine settled in the village, formed a partnership with Stanley Lockwood, and they traded as merchants in the old gambrel-roofed store by Elijah Boardman. Isaac Hine and his brother Clark continued in the mills some years.

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| 30. Clark, b. Nov. 23, 1783; never m.; d. Mar. 30, 1842, leaving to his native school district (No. 9 of New Milford) \$500. | 32. Anan, b. Feb. 4, 1789; m. |
| 31. William, b. Nov. 4, 1785; m. | 33. Isaac, b. June 23, 1791; m. |
| | 34. Lyman, b. Jan. 28, 1793; m. |

31. William, son of Stephen, Jr., and Naomi Hine, m. Phebe Abigail Merwin, Dec. 19, 1805, and removed to Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., the next spring. His wife, Phebe A., was born Oct. 4, 1782, and died Mar. 31, 1856. He died July 9, 1865. Ch.:

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| 35. Phebe Minerva, b. ——— 7, 1805; d. Aug. 22, 1807. | 40. Lois Almira, b. Aug. 24, 1816; m. Earl F. Bartlett. |
| 36. Charles Albert, b. Oct. 6, 1807; d. unm., Oct. 19, 1848. | 41. Mariett, b. Jan. 27, 1819; m. Amos Douglass. |
| 37. Sherman Merwin, b. Nov. 9, 1809; m. | 42. Stephen, b. Dec. 18, 1823. |
| 38. Francis William, b. July 23, 1812. | 43. Gracia Abigail, b. Aug. 27, 1827; m. Beriah L. Bowers, Feb. 23, 1848; reside in Franklin, N. J. |
| 39. Minerva Naomi, b. July 29, 1813; m. Benjamin Kneeland, June 27, 1843; resides in Franklin; had Grace A., b. Mar. 22, 1844. | |

32. Anan, son of Stephen and Naomi Hine, m. Almira Marsh, May 5, 1814, who died Sept. 10, 1832, and he died April 6, 1860. He was a stirring business man. Besides being engaged with his brothers in the mills and clothing works, and the store with Lockwood, he bought, in 1823, the Lyman Keeler place, where the new Episcopal Church now stands, and built the store on it so long occupied by Dea. George Whittlesey, and recently torn down. In 1824 he sold this place, retaining the store; and in 1825 he, or he and Oliver Pickett, built a store where the Town Hall now stands. In 1833 he sold this store to Royal I. Canfield, and engaged in the work of making stove-linings and fire-brick. He was one of the building committee on building the present Congregational meeting-house, and also was one of the pioneers in building the Housatonic Railroad, and one of its first board of directors.

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| 44. Julia Laura, b. Mar. 4, 1815; m. Henry Walter, Mar. 14, 1853. She died Mar. 30, 1845, leaving one son, Anan Hine Walter, b. Jan. 18, 1845. | 1, 1848, m. Hannah E. Murry, Oct. 10, 1878, had Irwin S., b. Oct. 12, 1880; Kate Stanley, b. Oct. 12, 1852, d. Oct. 10, 1856; Merwin C. Stanley, b. May 6, 1857; Oliver C. Stanley, d. July 16, 1871. |
| 45. Henry Marsh, b. July 18, 1816; m. | 49. Stephen, b. Apr. 18, 1825; m. |
| 46. Charles Sutton, b. Mar. 22, 1818; m. | 50. Almira, b. Mar. 28, 1827; d. Sept. 10, 1832. |
| 47. Clark, b. June 5, 1821; m. | 51. Anan, b. June 17, 1829; d. May 6, 1857. |
| 48. Charlotte, b. Feb. 1, 1823; m. Oliver Cromwell Stanley, Oct. 13, 1847; resides in New Britain, Conn.; had Jesse Stanley, b. Aug. | 52. Edward, b. June 10, 1832. |

33. Isaac, son of Stephen and Naomi Hine, m. Alta Riggs of Sherman, Mar. 15, 1821. She d. May 19, 1828. He m. 2d, Emily Melissa Buell, Feb. 15, 1829. He resided on the plain near Rocky River, and d. Oct. 4, 1873. His widow Emily d. Dec. 10, 1874. His brother Clark lived with him until his decease. Ch.:

53. Betsey Naomi, b. Feb. 11, 1822; m. Henry N. Merwin Nov. 27, 1845; removed to Garrettsville, O.
54. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sep. 7, 1824; m. Robert
By 2d Wife.
56. Laura Maria, b. — 15, 1830; m. Charles W. Jackson Aug. 27, 1851; enlisted and was killed at Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 1864; had Ellen H., b. May 25, 1852; George H., b. Feb. 4, 1854; Charles H., b. Feb. 28, 1856; William C., b. Jan. 26, 1858; Alice E., b. Feb. 13, 1860; Isabella F., b. Feb. 19, 1862; Lena S., b. Oct. 2, 1864.
57. Henry Jay, b. Feb. 26, 1832.
55. John Miles, b. Feb. 28, 1826. m. Freeman Sep. 11, 1854; removed to Hartford, Wis.; had Mary L. and Alta E.
34. **Lyman**, son of Stephen and Naomi Hine, m. Hannah Roberts June 10, 1815. She d. Sept. 28, 1862. He d. Dec. 2, 1881, æ. 89.
58. William H., b.
59. Louisa, b. Jan. 13, 1819; not m.
60. James, b. July 21, 1822; m.
61. George, b. Aug. 27, 1826.
37. **Sherman M.**, son of William and Phebe A. Hine, m. Martha Cyrena Green, Sept. 4, 1834. He d. Sept. 1, 1881.
62. Charles Albert, b. Oct. 10, 1837; m.
63. Mary A., b. July 12, 1840; m. John Day Downes Aug. 30, 1863; had George W., b. Mar. 12, 1867; Augustus Sherman, b. Oct. 2, 1868; William Day, b. Apr. 11, 1869.
64. George H., b. Aug. 22, 1842; d. June 7, 1862.
65. Alice C., b. Sep. 4, 1846; m. Thomas Edwards, M.D., Nov. 8, 1875; had Lee Sanders, b. Feb. 14, 1880.
66. Carrie B., b. Jan. 7, 1854.
38. **Francis W., M.D.**, son of William and Phebe A. Hine, m. Mary Gould Downs Jan. 11, 1840. He d. May 13, 1846.
42. **Stephen**, son of William and Phebe A. Hine, m. Mary Matilda McCall Sept. 15, 1846. He d. Feb. 24, 1875. She d. May 8, 1880.
67. Lyman McCall, b. July 1, 1849; m. Annie Elmer May 16, 1876; reside in Franklin, N. Y.; have Stephen, b. Mar. 9, 1877.
68. William Henry, b. May 1, 1853; m. Maggie Purcell May 20, 1872; reside in Albany, N. Y.; had Edward Stephen, b. May 4, 1873; Kittie Matilda, b. July 17, 1874.
69. James Walter, b. Sep. 4, 1858; m. Nellie Stebbins May 26, 1881; reside in Morris, N. Y.
70. Gratia Adelle, b. Sep. 27, 1862; d. Jan. 1, 1863.
45. **Henry M.**, son of Anan and Almira Hine, m. 1st, Martha Alvord of Southport, Conn., in 1848. She d. in 1849. He m. 2d, Phebe Stanley of Bridgeport, in 1850. He resides in New York City and has children.
46. **Charles S.**, son of Anan and Almira Hine, m. Jane Van Nordan of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Jan. 1, 1845; resides in Stamford, Conn.
71. Sarah Ann, b. Nov. 26, 1846; d. July 30, 1847.
72. Charles Frederick, b. Dec. 27, 1848; m. Jane Ryer Sep. 6, 1870; resides in New York City; had Dora.
73. Magdalen, b. Sep. 22, 1850; m. Henry W.
74. Almira Marsh, b. Aug. 29, 1850. (Error.)
75. Robert Clark, b. June 6, 1860.
47. **Clark**, son of Anan and Almira Hine, m. Mary Elizabeth Wells Jan. 1, 1846. She d. July 3, 1854. He m. 2d, Cynthia, dau. of Isaac Hinman of Hamden, Conn., May 17, 1857. She d. May 3, 1876. He resides in New Britain.
- By 1st Wife.*
76. Julia Laura, b. Jan. 21, 1850.
77. Henry Clark, b. Nov. 7, 1852; m. Flora Imogene Case of Simsbury, Conn., June 6, 1877; resides in New Britain, Conn.; has son, Albert Case, b. May 13, 1881.
- By 2d Wife.*
78. Charles Walter, b. Mar. 24, 1858.
79. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Nov. 10, 1859; d. Oct. 21, 1861.
80. William Edward, b. Apr. 25, 1863.
49. **Stephen**, son of Anan and Almira Hine, m. Harriet Frances Woolsey Merwin Nov. 28, 1854. She d. Mar. 1, 1867.

81. Merwin, b. Sep. 10, 1855; m. Martha Giddings Oct. 8, 1878; had Emma Frances.
 82. Emma Seymour, b. Aug. 5, 1857; m. DeWatt Pepper of Sherman, Feb. 19, 1879; had DeWatt.
 83. Hattie Noble, b. Dec. 28, 1860.
 84. Carrie, b. Dec. 29, 1862; d. Aug. 20, 1863.
 85. Anan Walter, b. Dec. 26, 1864; d. Aug. 7, 1865.

52. Edward, son of Anan and Almira Hine, m. Lavinia J. Stratton Jan. 18, 1872; reside in New York City.

86. Edward S., b. Sep. 18, 1875.

55. John M., son of Isaac and Alta Hine, m. Eliza A. Beardsley Aug. 14, 1850. She d. June 25, 1873. He m. 2d, Charlotte E. Peck, Mar. 18, 1880. She d. Mar. 28, 1881.

57. Henry J., son of Isaac and Emily Hine, m. Sarepa S. Banker Oct. 1, 1861.

87. Hattie C., b. Oct. 12, 1862.

88. Walter H., b. Jan. 23, 1864.

89. Minnie S., b. June 21, 1867.

90. Emma B., b. Nov. 21, 1868; d. in 1869.

91. Emma G., b. Feb. 20, 1871.

92. George I., b. May 9, 1875.

58. William H., son of Lyman and Hannah Hine, m. Elizabeth Gaylord Jan. 4, 1843.

93. Helen Louisa, b. Aug. 18, 1848; d. Mar. 19, 1850.
 94. Henry Downes, b. Jan. 19, 1852; m. Ella A. Beach, Oct. 1, 1874.

95. Mary Elizabeth, b. Mar. 26, 1855.

60. James, M.D., son of Lyman and Hannah Hine, was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of the city of New York in 1847, and has been a practicing physician in New Milford since that time. He m. Catharine, dau. of Cyrus Northrop, Oct. 9, 1849.

96. Francis Lyman, b. Dec. 6, 1850; resides in N. Y.
 98. Caroline Louisa, b. Dec. 1, 1857; m. George B. Noble Dec. 19, 1878. Child, Frank Belden, b. Jan. 20, 1880.

97. Sophia Mygatt, b. Apr. 15, 1855.

61. George, son of Lyman and Hannah Hine, m. Mary Merwin Dec. 15, 1857.

62. Charles A., son of Sherman M. and Phebe A. Hine, m. Lizzie A. Downes Aug. 25, 1863; reside near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

99. Fannie, b. Feb. 7, 1869.

100. Mary, b. Jan. 7, 1875.

Hine, Second Family.

5. Samuel, son of Thomas Hine, the first in Milford, was on the tax list in Milford in 1812, and deeded land there to his son William in 1729. In 1730 he bought half a Right of land in New Milford, and the deed, dated Dec. 14, 1730, was made to his son Daniel. Probably not all of his children are ascertained. He did not remove to New Milford, but two of his sons did.

101. Samuel.

102. James, b. in 1798.

103. William.

104. George, b. Mar. 17, 1793-4.

105. Daniel, b. Dec. 30, 1797.

102. Lieut. James, son of Samuel Hine, came to New Milford and m. Margaret Noble Dec. 23, 1726. She died Sep. 2, 1796, æ. 92. He died April 1, 1774, æ. 77. He came to N. M. and commenced as a blacksmith, but became an independent farmer. (See p. 69.)

106. Noble, b. Sep. 26, 1727; d. Mar. 29, 1731.

107. Ann, b. Mar. 14, 1729; m. Israel Camp.

108. Abel, b. Mar. 4, 1731.

109. Rachel, b. Feb. 12, 1734; m. ——— Clements of Litchfield.

110. Mabel, b. Dec. 7, 1740; m. John Brownson.

111. Noble, b. Aug. 12, 1744; m.

108. Abel, son of James and Margaret Hine, m. 1st, Rebecca, dau. of Ebenezer Beebe of Litchfield, July 7, 1763. She d. and he m. 2d, ——— Rose, and m. 3d, Mrs. Comstock.

112. Alfred, b. June 25, 1765.

114. Beebe, Jan. 27, 1770; m.

113. Thalia, b. Oct. 29, 1766.

111. Capt. Noble, son of James and Margaret Hine, m. Patience Hubbell Feb. 2, 1768. He died Oct. 15, 1796. She d. Mar. 5, 1829.

115. Mabel, b. Nov. 11, 1769.

120. Thalia, b. Aug. 12, 1781.

116. Urania, b. Feb. 11, 1772.

121. Bula Moulton, b. June 11, 1783.

117. Bildad, b. Mar. 18, 1774.

122. Polly, b. Sep. 19, 1785.

118. Homer, b. July 25, 1776.

123. Sophia, b. Dec. 2, 1787.

119. Abel, b. Jan. 30, 1779.

124. Fanny, b. Oct. 15, 1790.

Hine, Third Family.

105. Daniel Hine, son of Samuel, was b. Dec. 30, 1707; came to New Milford and m. Mary, dau. of Isaac Brownson, one of the first families of Waterbury, Nov. 23, 1737. His first land was laid north of Plank Swamp, now Park Lane, a short distance, but afterwards his land was surveyed to him, probably where his descendants have lived, a little northeast of Northville.

125. Mehitable, b. Aug. 6, 1739.

127. Sarah, b. July 14, 1745; m. Reuben Booth.

126. Mary, b. July 9, 1742; m. Benjamin Upson of Waterbury, Conn.

128. Daniel, b. Feb. 18, 1748-9. +

128. Daniel, 2d, son of Daniel and Mary Hine, m. Lydia, dau. of Eleazer Beecher, Sen., Mar. 18, 1769.

129. Mary, b. Dec. 19, 1769; m. Eben Strong of Warren.

132. Lucy, b. Apr. 10, 1778; m. Dea. Nicanor Stillson.

130. Sarah, b. Apr. 26, 1772; m. David Beard.

133. Daniel, b. Dec. 18, 1779. +

131. Lydia, b. Jan. 3, 1775; m. Stephen Strong of Warren.

133. Daniel, 3d, son of Rev. Daniel and Lydia Hine, m. 1st, Dorcas Stillson. He m. 2d, Lucy Chamberlain, widow of Ephraim Buckingham. She was born June 30, 1787, and died May 12, 1869. He was a farmer on his father's homestead, and died Apr. 15, 1864.

134. Dorcas; d. young.

138. Carr, b. Oct. 23, 1817.

135. Thalia; d. young.

139. Thalia, b. Jan. 18, 1820; m. Harry Buckingham, Mar. 11, 1840.

136. Laura, b. Apr. 6, 1804; m. John B. Marsh.

140. Julia, b. Feb. 7, 1824; d. Aug. 3, 1827.

By 2d wife.

137. Orlo Daniel, b. Oct. 28, 1815; m.

137. Rev. Orlo D., son of Daniel 3d, and Lucy Hine, m. Ellen Caroline Whittelsey of Clinton, Conn., Oct. 18, 1843. She was b. Apr. 1, 1821. He is pastor of Cong. Church in Lebanon, Conn. (See Biog.) Ch.:

141. Charles Daniel, b. Feb. 26, 1845; was graduated at Yale College in 1871, and is a lawyer in Omaha, Neb.

member of the Sophomore Class in Yale College.

142. Daniel, b. June 10, 1851; d. July 1, 1866.

145. Edith Caroline, b. Apr. 23, 1860; now a member of the Junior Class, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

143. Laura, b. Aug. 30, 1853.

144. Roderick Whittelsey, b. Feb. 9, 1858; now a

146. Grace Eleanor, b. Mar. 24, 1864.

138. Carr, son of Daniel 3d and Lucy Hine, m. Louisa, dau. of Marvin Wheaton, Feb. 13, 1840, and resides on his father's and grandfather's homestead. She d. Sep. 25, 1881.

147. Annot; d. Nov. 10, 1844.

151. Sarah; m. Carr Lyon.

148. Jennette.

152. Walter.

149. Ellen; d. May 26, 1851.

153. Augusta; d. Jan. 12, 1863.

150. Nora L.

- 1. Hine, Dr. George**, m. Abigail Palmer Nov. 5, 1767. She d. Oct. 22, 1776.
 2. Ophelia, b. Apr. 19, 1769; d. Dec. 30, 1773. 4. Lydia, } b. Dec. 20, 1773; d. Dec. 30, 1773.
 3. George Albert H., b. June 24, 1771. 5. Cynthia, } b. Dec. 20, 1773; d. same day.
 6. Charles Delancey, b. May 8, 1775.

HITCHCOCK, Samuel, and wife Sarah, with several children, came from Springfield, Mass., and settled in New Milford in 1713. (See page 62.) He died Dec. 9, 1727. She died Apr. 13, 1761, æ. 83 years.

1. Samuel, b. Sep. 17, 1699; m. 5. Deborah, b. Oct. 4, 1710; m. Benjamin Seelye.
 2. Jonathan, b. Apr. 25, 1701; m. 6. John, b. Sep. 28, 1716; m.
 3. Sarah, b. Feb. 5, 1703; m. Thomas Hitchcock. 7. Hannah, b. Jan. 1, 1719; m. Daniel Bostwick.
 4. Esther, b. July 11, 1705; m. Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick.

1. Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Sarah Hitchcock, m. Rebecca Brownson Oct. 10, 1726. She died Dec. 5, 1727. He m. 2d, Deborah Mallery Apr. 23, 1730.

8. Rebecca, b. Nov. 15, 1727; d. Dec. 24, 1727. 14. Ruth, b. Feb. 2, 1740-1.
By 2d wife. 15. Abner, b. Jan. 21, 1742-3.
 9. Samuel, b. Feb. 28, 1731. 16. Luke, b. Dec. 27, 1744.
 10. Deborah, b. Feb. 4, 1733. 17. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 16, 1746-7; d. Sep. 3, 1747.
 11. Caleb, b. Mar. 8, 1735; d. Aug. 29, 1736. 18. Ebenezer, b. Aug. 6, 1748.
 12. Caleb, b. Feb. 26, 1736-7. 19. Dan, b. Aug. 24, 1751.
 13. Esther, b. Mar. 5, 1738-9. 20. Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1755.

2. Jonathan, son of Samuel and Sarah Hitchcock, m. Mary Brownson Oct. 10, 1726. She died Oct. 24, 1727. He m. 2d, Miriam Mallery Oct. 16, 1728.

21. Jonathan, b. Oct. 16, 1727. 27. Daniel, b. May 22, 1739; d. Sep. 16, 1751.
By 2d Wife. 28. Lois, b. July 5, 1741.
 22. Miriam, b. July 26, 1729. 29. Aaron, b. Nov. 25, 1743.
 23. David, b. Nov. 3, 1731. 30. Huldah, b. Dec. 13, 1746; d. June 14, 1746.
 24. Mary, b. Aug. 24, 1733. 31. Nathan, b. Aug. 11, 1747.
 25. Sarai, b. July 30, 1735. 32. Daniel, b. Dec. 31, 1751.
 26. Hannah, b. June 24, 1737.

6. Capt. John, son of Samuel and Sarah Hitchcock, m. Sarah Barnum May 27, 1736. She died May 10, 1754. He m. 2d, Sibyl Sherwood of Woodbury Dec. 20, 1754, and she died July 12, 1759. He m. 3d, Mrs. Rebecca Buel of Kent, May 21, 1760. He settled at the southwest end of Rocky Mountain as early as 1745. He was a justice of the peace and captain of the militia.

33. Isaac, b. Feb. 26, 1736-7. 37. John, b. May 17, 1753.
 34. Asahel, b. Sep. 16, 1740. 38. Zina, b. Nov. 6, 1755.
 35. Eunice, b. Apr. 12, 1743. *By 3d Wife.*
 36. Abigail, b. Oct. 29, 1747. 39. Sarah, b. Feb. 22, 1761.

21. Jonathan, Jr., son of Jonathan and Miriam Hitchcock, m. Christian Warner Nov. 16, 1757.

40. Mary, b. Nov. 12, 1766. 41. Jonathan, b. Aug. 25, 1770.

23. David, son of Jonathan and Miriam Hitchcock, m. Abigail Trowbridge, Sep. 11, 1759.

42. William, b. Oct. 1, 1760. 45. Annis, b. July 15, 1769.
 43. Abigail, b. July 5, 1763. 46. David, b. Sep. 1, 1771.
 44. Huldah, b. Oct. 4, 1765.

29. Aaron, son of Jonathan and Miriam Hitchcock, m. Elizabeth Trowbridge Mar. 31, 1763.

47. Betty, b. Mar. 21, 1764. Sarah, b. Nov. 15, 1770.
 48. Betty, b. Nov. 27, 1765. Aaron, b. July 8, 1773.
 49. Polly, b. Jan. 17, 1768.

31. Nathan, son of Jonathan and Miriam Hitchcock, m. Rebecca Beebe Aug. 21, 1769.

50. Rebecca, b. Sep. 27, 1771.

51. Ezra, b. Mar. 16, 1773.

52. Miriam, b. Mar. 23, 1775.

53. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 9, 1777.

54. Nathan, b. Mar. 20, 1779; m. Elizabeth Gregory Jan. 8, 1801.

55. Joseph, b. Jan. 10, 1781.

56. Mary, b. Jan. 28, 1783.

57. Reuben, b. Sep. 9, 1785; m. Anna Garlick Nov. 7, 1807.

58. Philo, b. June 8, 1787.

59. Stephen, b. June 21, 1789.

60. Hannah, b. May 23, 1791.

61. Elizabeth, b. June 6, 1793.

62. Spencer, b. Oct. 2, 1795.

32. Daniel, son of Jonathan and Miriam Hitchcock, m. Comfort Porter Nov. 3, 1773. She died Nov. 2, 1776. He m. 2d, Deborah Ketcham Mar. 12, 1777.

63. Betty, b. Nov. 24, 1775.

64. Julius, b. Dec. 20, 1777.

65. Comfort, b. Sep. 24, 1779.

33. Isaac, son of Capt. John and Sarah Hitchcock, m. Lydia Mary Anne Dean of Stratford, Dec. 16, 1764.

66. Almira, b. Sep. 18, 1765.

67. Barzillai Dean, b. Oct. 29, 1769.

Hitchcock, Ira, m. Hannah Hotchkiss Oct. 27, 1764.

Ebenezer, b. Nov. 23, 1786.

Amarillia, b. Dec. 29, 1788.

Sally, b. Apr. 22, 1791.

HOLLISTER, Abel, m. Abigail Chambers, Jan. 28, 1766. He d. Jan. 1821.

1. Amarillia, b. Apr. 16, 1767.

2. Lucy, b. Oct. 9, 1769.

3. Abel, b. Nov. 4, 1771.

4. Mercy, b. Mar. 1, 1774.

5. Anna, b. Jan. 17, 1776.

6. Polly, b. Apr. 24, 1778.

7. Jesse Chambers, b. Nov. 17, 1780.

8. James Henry, b. Sept. 8, 1782.

9. Anson, b. Mar. 4, 1785.

10. Lyman, b. May 8, 1787.

11. Will Russell, b. Nov. 17, 1789.

HOOSE, Zephaniah, of New Fairfield, m. Catharine Weston, May 21, 1728; was admitted to the First Church in N. M., Nov. 13, 1726, and his wife Catharine was admitted in 1734, but they removed to New Fairfield before 1738.

1. Jonathan, bapt. June 8, 1729.

2. Abigail, bapt. May 19, 1734.

Hoose, John.

1. Gershom, bapt. May, 1725.

2. Joseph, bapt. Sept. 28, 1729.

Hoose, Jonathan, m. widow Terrill, Sept., 1729.

Hoose, Benjamin, m. Ruth Brownson, Aug. 22, 1738.

HOTCHKISS, Dea. Ebenezer, is said to have come from L. I. to N. M., and m. here Hannah Terrill, Jan. 10, 1741-2. She died Dec. 29, 1782. He m. 2d, Ann Robbards, April 30, 1783. She died Aug. 29, 1789, and he m. 3d, Lydia Buck, Nov. 30, 1789. He died Jan. 12, 1796. He lived near the Great Falls, and was a deacon in the separate Cong. Church.

1. Solomon, b. Sept. 18, 1742.

2. Asahel, b. Aug. 16, 1744.

3. Hannah, b. Apr. 9, 1746; m. Daniel Collins.

1. Solomon, son of Ebenezer and Hannah Hotchkiss, m. Lois Wooster, July 21, 1762. She died April 11, 1800, in her 58th year.

4. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 28, 1763.

5. Mercy, b. Aug. 14, 1765.

6. Hannah, b. Aug. 20, 1767; m. Ira Hitchcock.

7. Solomon, b. July 18, 1770.

8. Lois, b. Jan. 6, 1773; d. July 21, 1789.

9. Huldah, b. June 24, 1776.

10. Daniel, b. Aug. 10, 1779.

11. Charles, b. Nov. 11, 1782.

2. Asahel, son of Ebenezer and Hannah Hotchkiss, m. Philena Washborn, Nov. 16, 1766.

12. Olive, b. Mar. 9, 1768.

13. Philena, b. Apr. 21, 1770.

14. Asahel, b. Oct. 14, 1772; d. Feb. 28, 1788.

15. William, b. Sept. 10, 1775.

16. Philo, b. Feb. 28, 1778.

17. Noble, b. Apr. 16, 1782.

1. HOUGH, Benjamin, son of Jonathan and Abigail Hough, m. Ruth, dau. of Roger Brownson, Aug. 22, 1738.

2. Noah, b. Feb. 5, 1738-9.

1. HUBBELL, Peter, m. Hepzibah ———.

2. Sarah, b. July 27, 1738.

3. Shadrach, b. July 23, 1740.

4. Clement, b. Sept. 21, 1742; d. Aug. 12, 1747.

5. John, b. June 10, 1746.

6. Hepzibah, b. Jan. 23, 1749.

7. Clement, b. June 3, 1752.

8. Patience, b. Apr. 11, 1757.

9. Peter, b. May 1, 1760.

Hubbell, Ephraim, m. Johannah Gaylord, Dec. 25, 1735.

1. Catharine, bapt. Aug. 12, 1750.

2. Ruth, bapt. Apr. 23, 1758.

Hubbell, Jedediah.

1. Annis, bapt. July 30, 1758.

1. HULL, John, m. Abigail Gillett, Nov. 1, 1737.

2. John, b. May 28, 1738.

Hull, John, m. Eunice Jackson, Apr. 20, 1762. He died Dec. 28, 1808. She died Mar. 16, 1830, æ. 93 years.

1. Hannah, b. June 26, 1763.

2. Reumah, b. July 4, 1765.

3. David, b. Aug. 29, 1767.

4. Gideon, b. July 1, 1769; d. Jan. 4, 1770.

5. Eunice, b. Aug. 7, 1771.

6. Urania, b. Sept. 7, 1773; d. Feb. 10, 1809.

7. Deborah, b. Feb. 4, 1777.

1. Hull, Samuel, and wife Abigail ———.

2. Abigail Terrill,

3. Mary Bassett, { twins, b. Mar. 1, 1772.

HUNT, Edward, son of Lewis, was born Aug. 19, 1786; m. Feb. 1, 1809, Lois Starr, who was born Nov. 1, 1790, and died Aug. 19, 1866.

1. Julia S., b. July 26, 1810; m. Marcus Woodin, Nov. 1, 1831; had Solomon S., Charles E., Homer G., Lois, Lewis, Sophia.

2. Gideon L., b. May 31, 1812.

3. Annis L., b. Aug. 21, 1815; m. John Smith of Roxbury; had Mary A.

4. Benjamin S., b. May 5, 1817.

5. Sophia, b. June 18, 1819.

6. Ruth Ann, b. June 3, 1821; m. Wm. Daniel Wheaton.

7. Elizabeth L., b. July 6, 1823; m.; d. young.

8. Edward, b. May 17, 1826.

9. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 20, 1831; m. Samuel Clark; had Ellen Sophia and Lois Elizabeth.

2. Gideon L., son of Edward and Lois Hunt, m. Sophia, dau. of Abner Northrop.

10. Laura, b. Nov. 9, 1836.

11. Edward, b. July 12, 1837.

12. Frank, b. Dec. 31, 1841.

13. Wallace, b. May 14, 1845.

4. Benjamin, son of Edward and Lois Hunt, m. Betsey Bull of Kent. He died Sept., 1851.

14. Henry; d. Jan. 6, 1859.

15. Sophia.

8. Edward, son of Edward and Lois Hunt, m. Mary H., dau. of George N. Sanford, Nov. 5, 1850.

16. George Edward; m. Ella Fulton of Columbus, Ohio; had Mary.

17. Walter Starr; d. aged 23.

HURD, Phineas, m. Anna Hawley, Jan. 2, 1757.

1. Esther, b. July 20, 1757; d. Jan. 7, 1760.

2. Tyrus, b. July 1, 1759.

3. Jehiel, b. Nov. 18, 1760.

4. Lyman, b. Nov. 3, 1762.

5. Clarinda, b. June 13, 1765.

6. Hester, b. Feb. 23, 1767.

Hurd, William, m. Rebecca Weller, Nov. 1, 1753.

1. Jonathan, b. Dec. 10, 1755.

2. Abijah, b. Sept. 13, 1757.

3. Cooley, b. July 1, 1759.

4. Anna, b. Oct. 7, 1761.

5. Hinmon, b. May 1, 1764.

6. Lois, b. Jan. 27, 1767.

1. HURLBUT, Gamaliel, m. Jerusha Drinkwater, Feb. 19, 1759.

2. John, b. Mar. 6, 1760.

3. Job, b. Apr. 14, 1764.

4. Hannah, b. Oct. 6, 1771.

IVES, Dea. Henry, son of Isaac C. Ives of Lee, Mass., came to New Milford in 1867, and has been Cashier of the First National Bank since. He m. Lucy, dau. of Josiah Yale of Saratoga Springs, in 1857.

1. Henry C.

2. Sarah L.

JACKSON, Henry, m. Martha Camp, July 9, 1776. He died Nov. 24, 1790. He bought a piece of land of Lazarus Ruggles, "near to my mill at the Great Falls," in May, 1771. This was south of the old mill site.

1. Eldad, b. May 1, 1777; d. May 13, 1777.

4. Henry, b. Mar. 13, 1786.

2. Henry, b. Mar. 29, 1780; d. Jan. 29, 1782.

5. Eldad, b. Mar. 29, 1788.

3. Martha, b. Mar. 9, 1784.

5. Eldad, son of Henry Jackson, m. Cynthia Starr, May 28, 1808. He removed to Ohio not long after 1830.

6. Oliver Parsons, b. Feb. 27, 1809; d. Sept. 8, 1830.

9. Martha Maria, b. Nov. 6, 1820.

7. Harriet Rachel, b. Jan. 7, 1813.

10. Frederick William, b. June 7, 1822.

8. Henry, b. Aug. 1, 1816.

11. Andrew Elliot, b. Nov. 19, 1830.

Jackson, David, m. Priscilla Benedict, Apr. 4, 1775.

1. Rebecca, b. Nov. 15, 1775.

6. Hannah, b. Apr. 22, 1785; d. same day.

2. Avice, b. May 12, 1777.

7. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1787.

3. Levi, b. Mar. 9, 1779.

8. David, b. Apr. 23, 1790.

4. Joanna, b. Dec. 19, 1781.

9. Isaac, b. June 25, 1792.

5. Priscilla, b. Nov. 24, 1783; d. Mar. 2, 1784.

Jackson, Samuel, son of Daniel Jackson, m. Elizabeth Howe, Aug. 9, 1735.

Jackson, Uri, m. Sarah Burchard, Apr. 10, 1770.

1. Agur, b. Feb. 26, 1771.

5. Uri, b. Apr. 18, 1778.

2. Elijah, b. Oct. 27, 1772.

6. Lyman, b. Mar. 9, 1780; d. Feb. 2, 1781.

3. Elizabeth, b. May 25, 1774.

7. Elias, b. Dec. 15, 1781.

4. Daniel, b. Mar. 6, 1776.

JESSUP, James, of Greenwich, Ct., m. Elizabeth Blackman of Newtown, and settled in the "Neck," now Bridgewater.

1. Betsey; m. John Fenn, and went West.

4. Polly; m. — Delevan of Harwinton, Ct.

2. Hannah; m. Joseph Turner of N. Y. State.

5. Abby; m. Levi Beach of Harwinton, Ct.

3. Lucy; m. David Vedito, or "Vedito"; residence, Bridgewater; had Polly, who m. Frank Morrell.

6. Sally; d. unm.

7. Blackman.

8. Jonathan, b. Jan. 27, 1795.

8. Jonathan, son of James and Elizabeth Jessup, m. Abigail, dau. of Truman Minor. She was born May 10, 1801. He built the house where he now resides, a little north of the old Minor place in Bridgewater. He is now in his 86th year.

9. Abigail; d. July 4, 1873, aged 72 years.

1850, Eli H. Welton of Bridgewater.

10. Laura Ann, b. Mar. 23, 1831; m. Sept. 11, 1850, Charles Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1832.

11. Charles II., son of Jonathan and Abigail Jessup, m. Dec. 3, 1856, Hannah More, dau. of Bethuel and Amanda Treat. He resides on his father's homestead. Ch.:

12. William Clinton.

14. Annie Gertrude.

13. Julia Snowden.

JOHNSON, Moses, m. Eunice Brownson, May 18, 1761.

1. Daniel, b. Oct. 2, 1763.

5. Elijah, b. Mar. 26, 1774.

2. Salmon, b. Apr. 26, 1767.

6. Cyrus, b. Aug. 12, 1776.

3. Gideon, b. July 14, 1769.

7. Moses, b. Dec. 6, 1778.

4. Urania, b. Aug. 2, 1771.

Johnson, Peter, m. Deborah Merrills, Jan. 1, 1767.

1. Isaac, b. Mar. 12, 1768.

3. Jeremiah, b. Mar. 24, 1772.

2. Miles, b. Sep. 6, 1770.

4. Phebe, b. Jan. 13, 1774.

KELLEY, William H., of Goshen, m. Mary A. Bostwick, Nov. 12, 1850.

1. Mary A. B., b. May 28, 1852.

KEENEY, Jacob, Jr., m. Annie Gunn, Jan. 3, 1764.

1. Celena, b. Aug. 10, 1764.
2. Joseph, b. June 5, 1766.
3. Abigail, b. Feb. 18, 1769.
4. Anson, b. Apr. 7, 1771.
5. Lucinda, b. Mar. 11, 1776.

KEENIE, Jacob; (probably Jacob, Sen.)

1. Dearly, bapt. June 6, 1753.
2. Lyman, bapt. Feb. 10, 1756.

KENT, Seth, m. Lois.

1. Eri, b. Nov. 1, 1760.

1. KNAPP, Joshua, Jr. of Danbury, m. Lodemia Warner of N. M., Oct. 26, 1785.

2. Archesa Warner, b. Sep. 10, 1786.
3. Levi Philetus, b. Mar. 4, 1789.
4. Edwin Gavin.

Knapp, Moses, of Danbury, m. Sarah Warner of N. M., May 29, 1750. He d. Sept. 17, 1751.

2. Gilead, b. May 25, 1751.

1. Knapp, Edwin Garvin, m. Mariett Ferriss, Nov. 29, 1815.

2. Edwin Joshua, b. Dec. 22, 1817, in Cairo, N.Y.
3. Urania Cordelia, b. April 18, 1820.

1. KNEELAND, Benjamin, m. Minerva Naomi, dau. of Wm. Hine, June 27, 1843; resides in Franklin, N. Y. He died Oct. 12, 1847. She m. Beriah Bowers, Nov. 23, 1856. He died Oct. 28, 1864.

2. Grace Abigail, b. Mar. 22, 1844; m. George Stilson, Jan. 7, 1865; had Libbie Minerva, b. June 18, 1866; John Benjamin, b. May 9, 1872.

1. KNOWLES, Elizur, b. Jan. 21, 1762; came from New London, Ct., to New Milford, and m. Johannah, dau. of Silas Hill, Feb. 13, 1782. She was born Dec. 9, 1763, and died Aug. 20, 1852, æ. 89. He died Apr. 4, 1850.

2. Rebecca, b. Oct. 10, 1782; m. Judson Lampson; removed to Ohio.
3. Johannah, b. Dec. 14, 1784.
4. Elizur, b. Mar. 26, 1787.
5. Phebe, b. Nov. 14, 1789; m. — Simons.
6. David, b. May 22, 1792; removed to Ohio.
7. Sarah, b. Aug. 29, 1794; m. — McKinney.
8. Daniel, b. May 1, 1797; d. May 26, 1809.
9. Betsey, b. Oct. 20, 1797; m. Curtis Nichols.
10. John, b. Mar. 24, 1802.
11. Armelia, b. June 16, 1804; m. Preserve Smith, removed to Ohio.
12. Nelson, b. Aug. 15, 1806.

10. John, son of Elizur and Johannah Knowles, m. Drucilla Joyce of Sherman, Oct. 31, 1838, and lived on his father's homestead.

13. Daniel W., b. July 29, 1839; m. Currence Hatch, and resides in Washington, Conn.
14. Helen E., b. Dec. 29, 1841; m. Charles E. Hatch.
15. William H., b. Feb. 29, 1843; m., and d. Aug. 21, 1871.
16. Arthur E., b. July 17, 1845.
17. Cassius, b. July 27, 1847; d. Aug. 10, 1890.
18. Simon B.; m. Lydia Ann Wanzler; resides in Bethel, Ct.
19. Albert D.

12. Nelson, son of Elizur and Johannah Knowles, m. Eunice, dau. of John Warner, and lived at Lanesville.

20. George Henry; m. 1st, Mrs. Eliza Begordas; 2d, Wealthy Pulling, and resides in New Fairfield; had William Henry and Harriet.
21. Mary Ann; m. Lyman Jennings, Jr.
22. John Elizur; m. Sarah Jane Morehouse; resides in Md.
23. David Watson; m. Sarah Jane Nichols; had William Sheridan, George Wendell, Clara Louisa.
24. Susan Abigail.
25. Charles Wesley; m. 1st, Harriet Bard; 2d, E. Maria Nichols; resides in Norwalk; had Frederick and Edward.
26. Martha Eliza; m. Edmund Atwood.
27. James Nelson; m. Emily Booth; resides in Md.; had 6 ch.
28. Caroline Elizabeth; m. Henry S. Hurlbut, of Roxbury; 4 ch.
29. William Andrew; m. Jennie Loyd; residence in Cal.
30. Abraham Jay; m. Jennie Nearing.
31. Eveline Maria.

1. Knowles, William, m. Innocent Phillips.

2. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1741.

3. Arthur, b. Dec. 29, 1743.

3. Arthur, son of William and Innocent Knowles, m. Abigail Hamlin, Jan. 15, 1761.

4. William, b. Jan. 2, 1762.

6. Silvine, b. Jan. 7, 1765.

5. Ethzar, b. Jan. 21, 1763.

7. Gideon Benedict, b. Aug. 1, 1766.

KNOWLTON, Asa, m. Ruth Wooster.

1. Polly, b. June 20, 1793.

LACEY, Ebenezer, m. Freelove, dau. of Azaria Canfield, Dec. 15, 1748, and established himself as a blacksmith near his father-in-law's home in Lower Merryall, on the west branch of West Aspetuck, near the first farm of the Marshes at that place, and afterwards, apparently removed to New Milford village.

1. Olive, b. Oct. 1, 1749.

6. Mercy, b. July 28, 1760.

2. David, b. Aug. 4, 1752.

7. Jedediah, b. Oct. 14, 1762.

3. Isaac, b. Apr. 2, 1754.

8. Rhoda, b. Sep. 4, 1764.

4. Penelope, b. Aug. 25, 1756.

9. Daniel, b. Oct. 17, 1766.

5. Anna, b. June 23, 1758.

10. Lucina, b. Nov. 1, 1767.

LAKE, Samuel, and Mary his wife.

1. Samuel, b. Feb. 10, 1725.

4. Daniel, b. Nov. 12, 1730.

2. James, b. Aug. 16, 1728.

5. Rogers, b. Sep. 12, 1732.

3. Charity, b. May 6, 1729.

Lake, James, Jr., married Sarah Hendrix, Jan. 23, 1760.

1. David, b. June 6, 1761; d. Sep. 14, 1763.

3. David, b. July 14, 1765.

2. Isaac, b. June 27, 1763.

Lake, Amos, and wife Deborah.

1. Naomi, b. July 17, 1766.

LAMSON, William, and wife Hannah.

1. William.

4. Hannah, b. Oct. 24, 1749.

2. Joseph, b. June 11, 1744, prob. in N. M.

5. Molly, b. July 19, 1757.

3. John, b. Oct. 27, 1747.

1. William, Jr., son of William and Hannah Lamson, married Sarah Burritt, Mar. 22, 1768.

6. Amos, b. June 8, 1769.

8. Andrew, b. Feb. 20, 1774.

7. Rozwell, b. Apr. 28, 1771.

Lamson, Silas, perhaps son of Wm., Sen., married Mary Hotchkiss, Jan. 22, 1771.

1. Nathan, b. May 12, 1772.

3. Nehemiah, b. July 5, 1777; d. Apr. 15, 1778.

2. John, b. June 1, 1744.

4. Joseph, b. Aug. 14, 1779.

1. LANE, Jared, was born June 1, 1745; m. Aphia Ruggles in 1746, and lived on or near the old Lazarus Ruggles homestead. Ch.:

2. Mariah Aphia, b. July 24, 1787; m. Amaziah Wright, M.D.

Payne Hunt, of Rensselaer Co., N. Y.; settled in Troy, N. Y. He was a Representative in Congress from 1835 to 1843.

3. William Jared, b. Oct. 13, 1789.

4. Anne Ayre, b. Jan. 28, 1799; m. Judge Hiram

3. William J., son of Jared and Aphia Lane, m. Pamela Hubbell, of Bridgeport, Conn. He was educated a lawyer, and possessed great taste in the fine arts. He was many years cashier of the Fulton Bank, New York City; died in New Milford.

Thaddeus H., b. July, 1821; held judicial office in New York city some years; died in New Milford.

graduate of West Point; prominent in the late war; d. recently at Washington, D. C.

Susan Maria; m. Col. Milton Cogswell, a

1. LAWRENCE, George H., of Dutchess County, N. Y., came to New Milford and m. in 1836, Sarah A., dau. of Nathaniel Buckingham, and settled on a farm near Northville, where he still resides. His wife Sarah died Apr. 10, 1880. Ch.:

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| 2. Mary; m. George Doty, and resides in Pleasant Valley, N. Y.; had Earnest and Willie. | 3. Ellen; d. about 5 years of age. |
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LEACH, Amos, and wife Deborah.

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| 1. Zuba, b. Aug. 7, 1767. | 2. Lucy, b. Aug. 14, 1716. |
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1. LEWIS, Thomas, m. Mary Terrill, May 1, 1768.

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| 2. Sarah, b. Mar. 1, 1769. | 5. Jeremiah, b. Feb. 11, 1776. |
| 3. Deborah, b. Nov. 17, 1770. | 6. John, b. June 24, 1779. |
| 4. Ebenezer, b. Apr. 14, 1774. | 7. James, b. Nov. 5, 1782. |

1. Lewis, James, m. Zerua Pennington Nov. 24, 1731, both of New Fairfield.

LINES, Joseph, from New Haven, m. Phebe, dau. of Ebenezer Baldwin, Sep. 11, 1758. He died July 29, 1792, in his 60th year. His widow Phebe died Aug. 23, 1823, æ. 85 years. Her father resided in the north part of New Milford village, on Poplar street, and she often repeated the fact that she had often seen the bears in the woods while in her father's house, looking northward into the woods. The bears were so fearless that they came often within sight of the house.

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| 1. Clarissa, b. Mar. 12, 1759; m. Noadiah Mygatt. | 4. Daniel, b. Jan. 2, 1766. + |
| 2. Reuben, b. Jan. 21, 1761; was a shoemaker. | 5. Philo, b. Jan. 11, 1769. + |
| 3. Amity, b. June 9, 1763; d. young. | |

4. Daniel, son of Joseph and Phebe Lines, m. Hannah, dau. of Doct. Jonah Todd, Nov. 20, 1791. She was born Jan. 23, 1772. He resided in the north part of New Milford Village, and died Jan. 24, 1837, æ. 71. She died Aug. 8, 1856, æ. 86.

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| 6. Mabel, b. Apr. 13, 1795; m. Truman Baldwin; removed to Great Bend, Pa., and d. Jan., 1854, æ. 59. | 9. Mercy, b. June 20, 1806; m. Alanson N. Canfield. |
| 7. Charlott, b. Mar. 21, 1797; m. Dea. Gerardus Roberts, and d. June 18, 1874. | 10. Richard Daniel, b. Mar. 25, 1809; d. unm. Jan., 1845. |
| 8. Lucy, b. Jan. 19, 1801; m. Wm. A. Knapp; lived in north part of N. M., and d. Apr., 1846, æ. 45. | 11. Oliver Todd, b. Oct. 11, 1813; m. Aurelia Wilkes; removed to Ohio; remained some years, then removed to Brooklyn, N. Y.; had ch.: Fanny, Richard, Mary, Edward, Jessie. |

5. Philo, son of Joseph and Phebe Lines, m. ———, and resided on the plains half a mile below Lanesville. He died Nov. —, 1814, and his widow m. 2d, Joseph Rood of Brookfield; resided in N. M. Mrs. Rood's children were: Elizabeth Maria, and Mary Ann.

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| 12. Henry; removed to Penn.; had children. | 14. George; d. unm. in 1841, in N. M. |
| 13. William A., b. Jan. 3, 1809. + | |

William A., son of Philo and ——— Lines, m. Betsey Ann Sullivan June 1, 1843.

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| 15. George Henry. + | 17. Frederick Arthur. |
| 16. Mary Augusta; m. Edward L. Barton Oct. 19, 1871; resides at Marbledale. | 18. Charles Walter. |

15. George H., son of William A. and Betsey A. Lines, m. Ellen B., dau. of John H. Anthony of N. M., Nov. 5, 1879. He is a carpenter and builder, and lumber merchant.

17. Frederick A., son of William A. and Betsey A. Lines, learned the carpenter's and builder's trade at Norwalk, and engaged in the building and lumber busi-

ness, as partner in a company in Ansonia, in 1871, where he remained until 1880, when he removed to New Milford and became partner in the same business, with Soule Brothers and Company, remaining two years. He then, in March, 1882, returned to his old Company at Ansonia. He m. Lottie A., dau. of Lockwood Hotchkiss of Ansonia, May 7, 1874.

19. Bessie Augusta. (Queen Bees.)

LOCKWOOD, Jostah, m. Molly Dickinson Sep., 1784. She died Nov. 14, 1807, æ. 42 years. He m. 2d, Abigail Wilkinson, Apr. 21, 1808. She died in 1828. He was a hatter, first on Aspetuck Hill, near Wellsville, and afterwards in New Milford Village, his shop being at Great Brook.

1. Sukey, b. Mar. 7, 1785; d. Jan. 17, 1786.

4. Stanley, b. Nov. 4, 1793.

2. Marcus, b. Dec. 29, 1786.

5. Charles, b. Nov. 27, 1802.

3. Anna, b. July 9, 1791.

1. Lockwood, David, of New Milford, m. Eunice, dau. of Theophilus Baldwin, 3d.

2. Julia A.; m. John Buel; settled at Hume, Chatauqua Co., N. Y.; had 4 ch.

3. Henrietta; m. ——— Wing; was in Franklinville, Chatauqua Co., N. Y., in 1874; had ch.

4. Mattie; m. Bennett Dean of Bristol, Vt.

1. LOVERIDGE, Noah, born at Colchester, Conn., about 1764; m. Sally Moore of Lyme, Conn. Mr. Loveridge was "of New Milford" when he purchased his first land—40 acres—at Bound Hill, in N. M., Oct. 24, 1806. This he sold, with a dwelling-house on it, Nov. 9, 1815, for \$1,700, to Daniel Clark. He bought of Eli Todd, Apr. 8, 1816, three-fourths of an acre of land for \$200, "two miles north of New Milford meeting-house, east side of the road, where he erected a small house, which house was consumed by fire in the summer of 1882. He died in N. M. in Aug., 1831. His widow Sally died about 1848. Ch.:

2. Sally, b. about 1789, at Colchester; m. Isaac Lampson; had Curtis and Laura.

7. Orissa, b. about 1799; m. Orrin Young of N. M.

3. Alfred, b. Dec. 11, 1791.

8. Curtis, b. about 1805.

4. Erastus, b. Jan. 14, 1793, in Sherborn, Mass.

9. Lauren, b. about 1808.

5. Lines, b. Jan. 28, 1795, in New Milford.

10. Emeline, b. about 1811; m. Jerome Stone, a farmer and car builder at Elmira, N. Y.

6. Garry, b. about 1797.

3. Alfred, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, m. Huldah Mallory, who died young. He was a farmer, and died in New Milford. Ch.: George, and perhaps others.

4. Erastus, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, m. Ruth Ann Cory of Marbledale. She was b. Aug. 8, 1798, and died July 16, 1876, at Cuba, N. Y. In May, 1817, he purchased of John Morehouse, Jr., for \$1,500, 18 acres of land, with a dwelling house, barn, and shop; to this he added another piece of land for \$1,000, purchased of Elijah Gaylord. This property was a little north of Northville, where Mr. Arnold Payne now resides. About 1832 he removed to Marbledale, and from there, in the spring of 1854, he removed to Cuba, Allegany County, N. Y., where he still lives. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and engaged also in farming and manufacturing. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; once as a volunteer, and once as a substitute. He now draws a pension for that service. In 1848 he went to the gold diggings of California, and remained there over two years. He had several children; one, E. D. Loveridge, is President of a Bank in Cuba, N. Y.

5. Lines, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, m. Serissa Edwards. He removed to near Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y., about 1818, and was a prosperous farmer. He and his wife are both deceased.

6. *Garry*, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, m. Sally Chamberlain, and removed to Waterloo about 1820. Both are deceased. He was by trade a carpenter and joiner; bought land at Waterloo, and added to it until he had one of the finest farms in Seneca County.

8. *Curtis*, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, m. 1st, Mary Clark of Washington, Conn.; m. 2d, Barbara Brown. He also was a carpenter and joiner.

9. *Lauren*, son of Noah and Sally Loveridge, removed to near Havana, N. Y., and thence to Waterloo, where he still resides. He was married.

1. *LOWRY, Doct. Chauncy*, m. Aurelia, dau. of Reuben Booth, Aug. 22, 1784. Doct. Chauncy Lowry died May 29, 1803, æ. 42 years. His widow Aurelia m. 2d, Daniel Waring, who died Nov. 22, 1826. She died Nov. 26, 1828, æ. 64 years.

2. Chauncy, b. Aug. 17, 1786.

3. Car Booth, b. Dec. 17, —; d. Oct. 7, 1808.

LUMM, Samuel, and wife Hannab, probably from Derby, took possession of land "laid to Samuel Lumm's heirs" (his father's). He settled here about 1737, but the family soon disappeared from the town.

1. Jonathan, b. Apr. 20, 1738.

6. Eunice, bapt. Sep. 2, 1759.

2. Andrew, b. Feb. 25, 1742-3.

7. Son, bapt. Aug. 3, 1761.

3. Jonathan, bapt. Mar. 31, 1754.

8. Daughter, bapt. Sep. 2, 1764.

4. Esther, bapt. Sep. 5, 1755.

9. Jehiel, bapt. Dec. 1, 1765.

5. Anne, bapt. Oct. 30, 1757.

MALLET, John, of Milford, m. Polly Fenn of the same place, Jan. 7, 1810, and removed to Sherman in 1811, where he resided until 1816, when he removed to New Milford village. He was by trade a carpenter and joiner, and built the Perry Smith house, the Episcopal Church edifice, the M. E. Church edifice, and many other buildings in this town. He died June 27, 1852, æ. 69. His wife Polly died Sept. 24, 1850, æ. 67. Ch.:

1. Fenn, b. Jan. 20, 1811.

6. Betsey, b. Feb. 18, 1820; unm.; d. Jan. 21, 1844.

2. Sally, b. Oct. 24, 1812; m. Eli S. Peet, Oct. 4, 1833, and had Andred, who d. æ. 13.

7. Benjamin L., b. Apr. 9, 1822; d. unm. Jan. 25, 1875.

3. John, b. Feb. 9, 1814; residence with his brother, Thomas H.

8. Charlotte, b. Feb. 13, 1826; m. John Rutherford, July 28, 1853; residence, Savannah, Ga.; d. Jan. 2, 1880.

4. Thomas Hall, b. Sept. 17, 1815.

5. Dan, b. Apr. 10, 1818; d. unm. Mar. 17, 1869, in Savannah, Ga.

1. *Fenn*, son of John and Polly Mallet, m. Susan C. Downs, Sept. 24, 1837; residence at Bennitt's Bridge, Southbury, Conn. Ch.:

9. Benjamin; m., and has a son Wilber.

4. *Thomas II.*, son of John and Polly Mallet, m. Lamira E. Hurd of Woodbury, Jan. 15, 1845. He resides in a dwelling his father built, half a mile east of New Milford village. Ch.:

10. Lottie R.

Mallett, Marcus B., son of Daniel and Eunice B. Mallett, was born in Trumbull, Conn., Mar. 5, 1809, being the eldest of twelve children. He m. Mar. 8, 1831, Sarah, dau. of Stephen B. and Sally Keeler; and resided in Bridgewater. (See Biog.) Ch.:

Sarah E.; m. Arza Morris.
Burr.

Alvira; m. Levi Warner, Nov. 4, 1861; and
had Reuben M. and S. Eugenia.

Burr, son of Marcus B. and Sarah Mallett, m. 1st, Mary E., dau. of Grandison R. Warner, Sept. 28, 1856, and she died four days after marriage of typhoid

fever at Earle's Hotel, New York city. He m. 2d, Emelia C., dau. of Frederick Boland. He represented the town in the Assembly in 1876.

Mary E.
Marcus B.

Montville.
Sarah J.

MALLERY, Caleb, and wife Miriam, from New Haven, came to New Milford about 1714. He died Aug. 20, 1716. (See page 65.) His widow Miriam m. 2d, Doct. Thomas Pickett, Dec. 13, 1716.

Caleb Mallery's children:

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| 1. Miriam, b. May 23, 1708; m. Jonathan Hitchcock. | 3. Caleb, b. Aug. 3, 1712. |
| 2. Deborah, b. May 11, 1710; m. Samuel Hitchcock. | 4. John, b. Apr. 7, 1715. |

3. **Caleb, Jr.**, son of Caleb and Miriam Mallery, m. Elizabeth DeForest, Dec. 3, 1734. She was, perhaps, sister of the first "Isaac DeForest" in New Milford. This was the family—Caleb Mallery, Jr., his wife Miriam, and three grandchildren—murdered by Barnett Davenport, Feb. 3, 1780.

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| 5. Lois, b. Dec. 10, 1735. | 7. Elizabeth, b. May 7, 1743. |
| 6. Lois, b. Apr. 5, 1738; m. Solomon Northrop. | 8. Eunice, b. Sept. 7, 1746. |

4. **John**, son of Caleb and Miriam Mallery, m. Ann Woodruff of Kensington, May 7, 1740.

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| 9. Simmons, b. July 29, 1741. | 10. Sarah, b. Dec. 29, 1742. |
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MARSH, James, of Kent, in England, was Captain in the Royal Army, and was beheaded by Charles I. at Hedgehall, upon which his sister, being concerned for the safety of his brother, William Marsh, then in college, and who entertained opinions in favor of the dissenters, sent for him and his two nephews, sons of a half sister, who by her direction sailed for America and landed at Salem, Mass. William went to Boston, where he was made commissary in the Indian war of 1636, and was wounded in the Narragansett fight; was removed to Stonington and placed under the care of a Doctor Noice, where he was healed of his wounds. He m. Elizabeth Yeomans, and soon removed to Plainfield, Conn., where he lived and died, leaving the following children:¹

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| 1. Thomas; removed to Canada. | 4. Elizabeth; removed to Canada. |
| 2. James; lived and died at Plainfield. | 5. Matthias. |
| 3. William; lived and died at Plainfield. | |

6. **Marsh, Thomas**, a descendant of William, resided in the eastern part of Connecticut. Ch.:

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| 7. Thomas, b. Jan. 24, 1713. | 13. William, b. Dec. 23, 1725. |
| 8. John, b. Dec. 11, 1715. | 14. Phineas, b. Dec. 16, 1727. |
| 9. Elihu, b. July 12, 1717. | 15. Simeon, b. Jan. 5, 1729. |
| 10. Amos, b. June 4, 1719. | 16. Hannah, b. Oct. 17, 1730. |
| 11. Joseph, b. Apr. 9, 1721. | 17. Jacob, b. Aug. 19, 1733. |
| 12. Eunice, b. Feb. 17, 1724. | 18. Matthias, b. Sept. 25, 1736. |

8. **John**, son of Thomas and _____, m. Mary _____, and settled at Dover, N. Y., where he and his wife died before 1765, when his heirs sold land in New Milford to Elihu Marsh. Ch.:

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| 19. John. | 22. Susannah; m. Agrippa Martin. |
| 20. Abraham. | 23. Mary. |
| 21. Sarah; m. Daniel Lake. | 24. Hannah. |

9. **Elder Elihu**, son of Thomas Marsh, m. "Sariah" Abby; resided a time in Mansfield, Conn., then removed to New Fairfield, where he was living Sept. 30,

¹The History of Rye, N. Y., says William Marsh of Flushing, was among the first settlers at Rye, N. Y.

1765, when he purchased his first land in New Milford, it being, with other pieces, "25 acres lying north of Azariah Canfield's dwelling-house, and in partnership with John Marsh and Abraham Marsh, sons of John Marsh, late of Dutchess county, deceased, and also with Mary Marsh, late of Dutchess county, deceased, and also with Sarah Lake, wife of Daniel Lake, dau. of said John Marsh, deceased, also with Mary Marsh and Hannah Marsh, all the natural heirs of said John Marsh." This land lay in the vicinity of the home of the late Wanzer Marsh in Merryall. In April, 1769, he, still of New Fairfield, purchased another piece of 170 acres, for £70, lying "on both sides of Rocky river, and in August of the same year, he being then of New Milford, purchased a piece on the west side of Candlewood Mountain, with a dwelling-house on it." In May, 1770, he bought 86 acres, for £40, "lying southerly of my dwelling-house on Rocky river," of Zadoc Noble, which was formerly James McKeeney's home-lot. His home was at the place now called Jerusalem, where he resided until his decease. He served, according to tradition, as an Elder in the Strict Congregational church of N. M., a number of years. Ch.:

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| 25. Elihu, b. May 8, 1737. | 32. Joseph, b. Apr. 20, 1754. |
| 26. Sarariah, b. May 8, 1740; m. Kent B. Wright. | 33. Hannah, b. Feb., 1757. |
| 27. Mary, b. June 12, 1742; m. Ebenezer Leach; lived in Sherman. | 34. Ruth, b. Aug. 31, 1759; m. Ichabod Leach; lived in Sherman, Conn. |
| 28. Eunice, b. Dec. 6, 1744; m. Joel Northrop. | 35. Benjamin D., b. May 10, 1762; m. Anna Jayger, and removed to Bennington, Vt. |
| 29. Lydia, b. Apr. 11, 1747; m. Isaac Northrop. | 36. Amos, b. Sept. 8, 1764. |
| 30. John, b. Aug. 4, 1749. | |
| 31. Samuel, b. Oct. 8, 1751. | |

18. Matthias, son of Thomas, settled at "Beekman's Precinct," Dover, in Dutchess Co., N. Y., and when residing there bought of Elnathan Brigham of Mansfield, Conn., for £5,675, old tenor, 436 acres of land in several pieces; one piece "on both sides of West Aspetuck river, containing 97 acres," and 255 "acres on the west side of the country road leading to Kent," and other pieces adjoining the last, as well as one on Long Mountain. Some of the above described land he sold to Reuben Bostwick, and some to his brother, William Marsh, and some of this land, after passing through the hands of two or three parties, was purchased by Elder Elihu Marsh of Rocky river, and was afterwards occupied for many years by his descendants.

25. Elihu, Jr., son of Elder Elihu and Sarah Marsh, m. Martha Walters. He removed to Sherman, where he resided until his decease. Ch.:

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| 37. Anna; m. Enos Peck. | 37. Rachel; Ebenezer Wright. |
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30. John, son of Elder Elihu and Sarah Marsh, married Abigail Wanzer, Mar. 2, 1772; resided in New Milford until about 1779, when he removed to Vergennes, Vt., where he died.

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| 39. Mary, b. Jan. 10, 1773; m. Thomas Buckley; lived in Vermont. | 42. Wanzer. |
| 40. Elihu, b. July 18, 1774. | 43. Daniel; was a Cong. clergyman at Bennington, Vt. |
| 41. John Read, b. Feb. 11, 1776; lived in Vt. | 44. Vina; m. Gershom Buckley; lived and died in N. M. |
| 42. Anthony, b. Aug. 12, 1778, in N. M. | |

31. Samuel, son of Elder Elihu and Sarah Marsh, married Miriam Leach, Nov. 15, 1771. He died May 14, 1822, æ. 70 years. She died before her husband.

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| 45. Elihu, b. July 7, 1773; d. young. | 52. Lucy, b. Mar. 17, 1785; d. young. |
| 46. Lucinda, b. Aug. 15, 1774. | 53. Susannah, b. Nov. 17, 1786. |
| 47. Elihu, b. June 9, 1776. | 54. George Martin, b. May 12, 1789; m. Betsey Sherwood. |
| 48. Joseph, b. Mar. 16, 1778. | 55. Samuel Davis, b. Oct. 22, 1792. |
| 49. Bradley, b. Apr. 23, 1780. | 56. John, b. July 19, 1795. |
| 50. Eunice, b. July 1, 1782. | |
| 51. Amos Horace, b. Mar. 23, 1783. | |

57. William, son of Joseph and Abigail Marsh, married 1st, Rachel Nichols, Feb. 18, 1802. She died, and he m. 2d, Patty Nichols. He removed to the town of Pike, Bradford Co., Pa., where he died. Ch:

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| 96. Ellet, b. Nov. 14, 1802. | 100. Rachel, b. Jan. 28, 1810. |
| 97. Wealthy, b. Oct. 18, 1804. | ad Wife. |
| 98. Cordelia, b. Jan. 12, 1806. | 101. Joseph; Lois; Isaac; Lucy Ann; Hannah. |
| 99. Amy Lorain, b. Jan. 26, 1808. | |

62. Allen, son of Joseph and Abigail Marsh, married Abigail Ellen Terrill, Mar. 9, 1820. Residence was on Wood Creek.

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| 102. Edwin, b. Dec. 18, 1820; went to Washington Ter. | 105. Huldah, b. Mar. 15, 1831; m. Edwin Hawes of Bridgeport. |
| 103. Cornelia Abigail, b. Aug. 25, 1822; m. Merwin Hill. | 106. Oliver, b. Jan. 25, 1825; d. young. |
| 104. Joseph Jackson, b. Aug. 17, 1824; m. ——— McMahon; resides in East Bridgeport. | |

68. John B., son of Wanzer and Sally Marsh, married, Oct. 9, 1823, Laura, dau. of Daniel, Jr., and grand dau. of Rev. Daniel Hine. He died Feb. —, 1867.

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| 107. Henry, b. May 6, 1825; d. in 1880. | 112. Daniel E., b. June 16, 1839. |
| 108. Clark, b. Feb. 2, 1827; m. | 113. Helen, b. Mar. 29, 1841. |
| 109. Egbert, b. May 22, 1830. | 114. James, b. June 20, 1843; d. Mar. 26, 1863. |
| 110. John, b. June 18, 1833; d. Jan. 5, 1836. | 115. Lucy, b. Jan. 31, 1845; m. John S. Turrill, Esq. |
| 111. Julia, b. July 14, 1835. | 116. Francis W., b. Dec. 18, 1846. |

69. Daniel, son of Wanzer and Sally Marsh, married, June 16, 1833, Charlotte, dau. of Jehiel Williams, M. D. She died in 1855. Ch.:

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| 117. Edward Wm.; m. Amanda Bladen. He was Captain in the late war. (See list of soldiers.) | 118. Thompson T.; m. Florence Henderson of Lee, Mass. |
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72. Anan, son of Wanzer and Sally Marsh, married Lucy A. Peet, Nov. 25, 1839.

119. Alice, m. Walter B. Bostwick.

73. James, son of Wanzer and Sally Marsh, married Urania Buck. He died Oct. 24, 1860.

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| 120. David; d. young. | 122. James. |
| 121. Seth. | |

80. Oliver, son of George M. and Betsey Marsh, m. Caroline Davis.

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| 123. Philip G.; m. Bessie A. Loveland, July 4, 1865, and has son, Milton Loveland. He was in the late war. | He died of disease contracted in the war, Jan. 25, 1867, æ. 27; leaving son, Oliver Clinton, and dau., Carrie Virginia. His widow and children reside at the four corners at Lanesville. |
| 124. Charles H.; served in the late war; m. Sarah E. Kramer of Baltimore, Md., Mar. 23, 1863. | |

107. Henry, son of John B. and Laura Marsh, married Nancy Stone, Dec.

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| 23, 1847. | |
| 125. Frank H., b. Aug. 8, 1849. | 128. Augusta A., b. July 2, 1858. |
| 126. Lillian A., b. May 31, 1853. | 129. Willie H., b. Aug. 16, 1861. |
| 127. Chauncey B., b. Nov. 22, 1855. | |

108. Clark, son of John B. and Laura Marsh, married 1st, Mary Esther Stone, Sep. 4, 1841; m. 2d, Esther Smith, widow of Doct. Judson of Bridgewater.

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| 130. Samuel S., b. Oct. 31, 1857. | 132. Freddie, b. Apr. 27, 1869. |
| 131. Lena, b. Dec. 30, 1858. | |

109. Egbert, son of John B. and Laura Marsh, m. Helen C., dau. of Col. Samuel Canfield. His residence was at Bridgeport a number of years, where he was Treasurer of the Peoples' Savings Bank. He now resides in New Milford.

112. Daniel E., son of John B. and Laura Marsh, enlisted in the Civil War; served in the 2d Regt. of Heavy Artillery, in Co. H; went through the grades of

office from Sergeant to Captain. He received two wounds in the battle of Winchester. He m. Sarah, daughter of Horace Merwin. Ch.:

133. Samuel S.

135. Freddie.

134. Lena.

116. Francis W., son of John B. and Laura Marsh, removed to Bridgeport, and m. Emma Wilson. Ch.:

136. Egbert S.

137. Violet.

125. Frank H., son of Henry and Nancy Marsh; m.

138. Helen E.

139. Ralph H.

127. Chauncey B., son of Henry and Nancy Marsh, m. Ida Buckingham, Jan. 12, 1878; settled in Bridgeport, Ct.

1. Marsh, John, m. Rachel Prindle of New Milford; Feb. 14, 1771, and may have been of the Dover, N. Y., family.

2. Esther, b. Dec. 24, 1771.

5. Lucy, b. Mar. 13, 1778.

3. Lois, b. Oct. 23, 1773.

6. Abraham, b. July 9, 1780.

4. Phineas, b. Jan. 30, 1776.

McKEENEY, James, m. Eleanor Bradshaw, Feb. 10, 1742; resided on Rocky river at what is now Jerusalem, or a little south of it.

1. John, b. May 3, 1743.

3. Mary, b. June 16, 1754.

2. Amos, b. June 4, 1749.

1. McMAHON, Cornelius, came from Co. Clair, Ireland, to Nova Scotia, and was engaged there in the fisheries three years; thence to the Schuyler Copper mines in N. J., where he remained three years, and came thence to N. M., being then 40 years of age. He m. here Mary, dau. of Doct. Dobson Wheeler. He was a miner by trade—was employed three years on the tunnel at Green Pond in N. M., and afterwards dug the channel for a mill at the west end of the Great Falls.

2. James.

6. Hannah; m. Benjamin Wilson.

3. Constantine.

7. John Wheeler.

4. Phebe; m. ——— Knapp.

8. Dobson Wheeler.

5. Anna; m. Joseph Ferriss.

2. James, son of Cornelius and Mary McMahon, m. Harriet Mygatt.

9. George.

3. Constantine, son of Cornelius and Mary McMahon, m. 1st, Laura, dau. of Gen. Brinsmade of Washington, Conn.; m. 2d, Fannie Hine—residence in Washington, Conn.

10. Frederick.

11. Lydia.

7. John W., son of Cornelius and Mary McMahon, m. 1st, Lois Merwin; 2d, Sophia Wells, Jan. 10, 1821.

12. Newell; m. Sarah Barnes; d.

17. John Wells, b. Nov. 9, 1832; m. Mary Camp.

13. Lois; m. Henry Fairchild.

18. Stephen T., b. May 23, 1834; m. Elizabeth

By 2d W'ife.

Abbott in 1864; had Jesse.

14. Cornelius, b. Apr. 30, 1822; d. May 11, 1853.

19. Catharine Minerva, b. June 8, 1837; d. 1870.

15. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 10, 1823; d. June 23, 1855.

20. James Henry, b. June 22, 1839.

16. Mary Jane, b. Sep. 12, 1829; m. Joseph Marsh.

21. Marcus W., b. June 5, 1841; d. Sep. 4, 1862.

8. Dea. Dobson W., son of Cornelius and Mary McMahon, m. 1st, Thalia Hine; 2d, Minerva Mygatt. He was a merchant, and dea. of the Cong. church many years.

22. Maria; m. Alecius Painter.

By 2d W'ife.

23. Sophia; m. Doct. Charles A. Randall.

25. Julia; d. young.

24. Henry; m. Mary Taylor.

9. George, son of James and Harriet McMahon, m. Laura C., dau. of Silas Hill, Nov. 29, 1839.

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| 26. Andrew James. | 30. George Wm.; d. young, being run over by a cart wheel. |
| 27. Albert Silas; drowned when young. | 31. Martha Grace. |
| 28. Laura Caroline; m. Sep. 22, 1864, Geo. W. Anthony. | 32. Sarah Maria; m. Edgar F. Hawley. |
| 29. Albert Horace. | |

26. Andrew J., son of George and Laura C. McMahon, m. Phebe, dau. of Ebenezer Haveland.

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| 33. Adella. | 35. Nellie. |
| 34. Alice. | 36. Hattie; d. |

29. Albert H., son of Geo. and Laura C. McMahon, m. Florence A. Reynolds.

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| 37. Goldie Amina. | 38. Carrie Laura. |
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MEAD, Benjamin, b. Sept. 20, 1764, came from Old Greenwich, Conn., to New Milford, and settled on the farm now owned by Henry Smith, half a mile below the Cove, or Falls Mountain, from which, after some years, he removed to Bridgewater Centre, where his son, the late Peter Mead, resided. He m. in New Milford, Abigail, dau. of Jabez Wooster, May 4, 1787. He d. Apr. 3, 1847, æ. 82 years. She died Feb. 18, 1849, æ. 81 years. Ch.:

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| 1. Alpha, b. Sept. 8, 1787; m. 1st, Harry Bearse; m. 2d, John Smith, June 1, 1815. She d. Jan. 25, 1864, æ. 76. | 3. Oliver, b. Nov. 27, 1791.+ |
| 2. Laura, b. Sep. 16, 1789; m. Oct. 8, 1812, Lyman Lockwood; had Mary Ann, Emily, and Charles, and d. Sep. 11, 1824, æ. 34. | 4. Jabez W., b. Feb. 28, 1794.+ |
| | 5. Colva, b. Dec. 13, 1796; d. Jan. 8, 1797. |
| | 6. Lucy, b. Jan. 28, 1798; m. Apr., 1816, Doct. Calvert Canfield. |
| | 7. Peter, b. Mar. 27, 1800.+ |

7. Peter, son of Benjamin and Abigail Mead, m. Phebe Smith Dec. 9, 1824; resided on his father's homestead, and died in 1882.

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| 8. Ralph, b. Dec. 7, 1825.+ | 11. Catharine. |
| 9. Edward, } b. Dec. 21, 1827. | 12. Sarah; m. Benjamin A. Ruggles. |
| 10. Frederick, } b. Dec. 22, 1827; m. Abigail Dunning; no ch. | 13. Hiram, b. Aug. 27, 1834; d. Oct. 10, 1881. |

3. Oliver, son of Benjamin and Abigail Mead, m. Harriet, dau. of Joel Sanford, Nov. 2, 1814. He removed to Albany, N. Y. He died Apr. 7, 1866, æ. 74.

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| 14. Huldah; d. unm. | 16. Harriet; m. Austin Fish of Albany. |
| 15. Julia. | 17. Charles; m. |

4. Jabez, son of Benjamin and Abigail Mead, m. Lorian Treat Feb. 1, 1816. He died Mar. 14, 1875, æ. 81 years.

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| 18. Monroe. | 21. Cornelia. |
| 19. Abigail; m. Grandison Randall. | 22. Caroline. |
| 20. Flora. | 23. Darwin. |

8. Ralph, son of Peter and Phebe Mead, m. Delia Drew of Redding, Mar. 17, 1847, where he resides.

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| 24. Peter. | 27. Grace. |
| 25. Carson; resides in Bridgeport. | 28. Flora. |
| 26. Frank. | |

9. Edward, son of Peter and Phebe Mead, m. Mary Paddock of Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1855, and died Apr. 2, 1871.

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| 29. Ada. | 31. Carrie. |
| 30. Edward. | |

MILES, Joseph, from Milford, m. Deborah, widow of John Welch, Apr. 25, 1732. She was Deborah Ferriss. He bought of Edward Cogswell, 90 acres of land with a dwelling-house, saw-mill, and grist-mill, it being part of the 33d and 34th lots,

on both sides of the East Aspetuck, in Oct., 1753, and made his home there in N. P. He had been living then in New Milford from the time of his marriage, at least.

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| 1. Mary, b. Oct. 14, 1733; m. Emerson Cogswell. | 4. Eunice, b. Aug. 3, 1739. |
| 2. Mercy, b. Jan. 5, 1735-6. | 5. Sarah, b. July 23, 1742. |
| 3. Joseph, b. July 4, 1737. | 6. Patience, b. May 6, 1745. |

Miles, Justus, m. Hannah ———.

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| 1. Justus, b. Aug. 30, 1740. | 4. Elijah, b. Jan. 16, 1753. |
| 2. Samuel, b. Oct. 21, 1743. | 5. Hannah, b. Dec. 13, 1758. |
| 3. Stephen, b. Feb. 19, 1746-7. | |

2. Samuel, son of Justus and Hannah Miles, m. Molly Pickett Oct. 17, 1764. She died June 27, 1775.

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| 6. Molly, b. Aug. 11, 1765. | 7. "Ariella," b. Aug. 29, 1768. |
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MILLIGAN, George, m. Catharine Taylor, Nov. 13, 1788.

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| 1. William, b. Feb. 6, 1790. | 3. Mary, b. Mar. 17, 1796. |
| 2. John, b. Jan. 17, 1792. | |

MOGER, James, m. Elizabeth Herrow, May 25, 1744. He was admitted to the first Church in N. M., Aug. 12, 1739. He resided in the south part of Bridgewater.

Isaac, b. Mar. 3, 1744-5.

Hannah, b. Feb. 1747-8.

Moger, Jesse, m. Anna Wooster, Feb. 25, 1773.

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| 1. Sylvester Wooster, b. Feb. 3, 1774. | 2. Truman, b. Oct. 18, 1775. |
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Moger, Reuben, m. Lydia Hawkins, Nov. 29, 1768.

Rebecca, b. Apr. 1, 1780.

Morehouse, First Family.

MOREHOUSE, Stephen, b. at Fairfield in 1702; m. Abigail Treadwell of Fairfield, and settled at Redding, where he was instrumental in establishing the Episcopal Society. The inscriptions on their tombstones at that place are as follows:

"The Remains of Mrs. Abigail Morehouse, Wife of Mr. Stephen Morehouse, Who after a course of Piety and Virtue exchanged this life for immortality, Sep. 6, 1755, in y^e 56 year of her age."

"Here lyes burried the body of Mr. Stephen Morehouse, who departed this Life May y^e 2^d 1767 in y^e 66 year of His age." Ch.:

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| 1. Stephen, b. 1723. | 2. John. |
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1. Stephen, 2d, son of Stephen and Abigail Morehouse, came to N. M., and m. 1st, Sarah Hawley of Newtown, Apr. 8, 1759. She d. Mar. 28, 1776, aged 41 years. He m. 2d, Anna Stiles of Lanesborough, Vt., Oct. 3, 1779. She d. Mar. 31, 1805, aged 60 years. He died in 1817, æ. 84.

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| 3. Benjamin, b. Apr. 21, 1760. | 7. Olive, b. Dec. 6, 1768. |
| 4. Stephen, b. Mar. 8, 1762. | 8. Hannah, b. May 9, 1772; Uriah Tucker. |
| 5. Sarah, b. Apr. 21, 1764. | 9. Ruth, b. Mar. 27, 1774; m. ——— Odell. |
| 6. Rhoda, b. Oct. 31, 1766; m. Joseph Peet of Canaan. | 10. Stiles, b. Apr. 15, 1783. |
| | 11. Augustine, b. Sept. 20, 1785. |

2. John, son of Stephen and Abigail Morehouse, came to N. M., and m. Phebe, dau. of Dea. Eleazer Beecher, Dec. 27, 1763. She d. Feb. 20, 1807, in her 70th year. He m. 2d, Thankful Atwell, of Montville, Dec. 25, 1808. His residence was in Marbledale. Ch.:

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| 12. Anna, b. Dec. 2, 1764; m. Matthew Mallett of Roxbury. | 15. Jabez, b. June 12, 1775; d. unm. |
| 13. Daniel, b. Apr. 27, 1768. | 16. Phebe, b. Dec. 13, 1776; m. Abijah Patterson of Roxbury. |
| 14. John, b. Jan. 21, 1770. | 17. Jair, b. Mar. 14, 1781. |

3. Benjamin, son of Stephen 2d and Sarah Morehouse, m. Jane Hill, Nov. 3, 1786; residence in Washington, Ct. He d. May 6, 1846, æ. 86.

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| 18. Hawley, b. Aug. 1, 1788. | 21. Polly, b. Nov. 27, 1792; m. ——— Welton. |
| 19. Dimon, b. Apr. 22, 1790. | 22. Abby, b. Apr. 30, 1794; m., had ch.: Hannah. |
| 20. Sarah, b. July 6, 1781; m. Jan. 22, 1824, Ziba Fairchild. | 23. Leman, b. Jan. 17, 1796. |
| | 24. Seymour, b. Jan. 24, 1798. |

4. Stephen, 3d, son of Stephen, 2d, and Sarah Morehouse, m. Huldah Peet; residence, Amenia, N. Y.

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| 25. William, b. Nov. 12, 1786. | 29. Clarissa, b. Feb. 12, 1797; m. Seabury Smith. |
| 26. Salmon, b. Jan. 27, 1789. | 30. Harry, } twins, b. Feb. 7, 1803. |
| 27. Lucinda Orilla, b. Oct. 4, 1791; m. Joel Beecher. | 31. Harriet, } b. Feb. 7, 1803; d. æ. 11. |
| 28. Garry, b. Dec. 9, 1794. | |

13. Daniel, son of John and Phebe Morehouse, m. Elizabeth Tucker, Apr. 11, 1797.

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| 32. Joel, b. Oct. 9, 1797. | 54. Minor, b. Apr. 19, 1801. |
| 33. Anna, b. Nov. 28, 1798. | |

14. John, 2d, son of John and Phebe Morehouse, m. Sarah Straight of Kent, Jan. 22, 1793; resided in Marbledale, and d. Sept. 21, 1837.

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| 35. Isaac, b. Apr. 19, 1794. | 38. Anna, b. Aug. 11, 1803; m. George Foote. |
| 36. Jabez, b. Sept. 22, 1797. | 39. Cyrus, b. Nov. 11, 1808. |
| 37. Sylvia, b. June 25, 1800; m. Harmon Couch. | 40. Catharine, b. Oct. 18, 1811; m. Horace Clark. |

17. Jair, son of John and Phebe Morehouse, m. Elizabeth Morgan, July 2, 1802. He d. Aug. 26, 1837, æ. 50.

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| 41. Jerusha, b. Aug. 7, 1803; m. Nathan Peet. | 47. Daniel, b. Apr. 15, 1813. |
| 42. Phebe, b. Feb. 2, 1805; m. Homer Baird. | 48. Jethro, b. Sept. 19, 1814. |
| 43. Caroline, b. Aug. 30, 1807; m. Caleb Sawyer of Warren. | 49. Anna, b. Mar. 16, 1816; m. Samuel Latroette of Pa. |
| 44. Clara, b. Mar. 4, 1808; m. Levi Parmlee of Litchfield. | 50. Abigail, b. Nov. 30, 1817; m. Edmund Pulford. |
| 45. Jair, b. June 27, 1809. | 51. Joel, b. July 23, 1819. |
| 46. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 28, 1811; m. Joseph Ben-nitt. | 52. Asher, b. Mar. 5, 1822. |
| | 53. Morgan; m. Melinda Atwood of Watertown. 2 ch. |

18. Hawley, son of Benjamin and Jane Morehouse, m. Betsey Maria Hartwell; resided in Washington, Conn. He d. Oct. 6, 1846, æ. 48. She d. Feb. 15, 1868, æ. 75.

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| 54. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 3, 1811; m. 1st, Nelson Sanford, Sept. 19, 1833; m. 2d, Ira Keeler, June 4, 1853. | 55. Salome, b. Apr. 12, 1819. |
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19. Dimon, son of Benjamin and Jane Morehouse, m. Huldah Titus, Feb. 3, 1817; m. 2d, Phebe Sanford. He d. Mar. 28, 1846, æ. 56.

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| 56. Solomon. | 58. Stephen. |
| 57. Jennette; m. | 59. Henry Hobert. |

23. Leman, son of Benjamin and Jane Morehouse, m. Polly Preston, who d. Mar. 22, 1861, æ. 52.

24. Seymour, son of Benjamin and Jane Morehouse, m. Harriet Northrop, Sept. 7, 1828.

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| 60. Artemitia; m. John Camp. | 62. Harriet. |
| 61. Noble. | 63. Henry S. |

25. William, son of Stephen, 3d, and Huldah Morehouse, m. Julia Stone; resided in Amenia, N. Y. He d. Sept. 7, 1848, æ. 63.

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| 64. Julius Stephen, b. July, 1814. | 66. Amy Orinda, b. 1822; m. Henry Couch. |
| 65. Chauncey William, b. July, 1820. | 67. Jane Ann, b. 1832; m. Southard Hitchcock. |

26. Salmon, son of Stephen, 3d, and Huldah Morehouse, m. Joyce Hill. He d. July 1, 1841, æ. 52. She died Apr. 16, 1864, æ. 73.

68. Clarissa Huldah, b. Mar. 11, 1821; m. Jan. 1, 1840, Stanley G. Bennett; had Elijah S. Noble; Mary. She d. Dec. 27, 1845. Henry Edward; George Stephen; Salmon Morehouse.
 69. Sarah Maria, b. Jan. 31, 1826; m. Sept. 15, 1841, Noble S. Bennett; had Sarah Maria; 70. Stephen Solomon, b. Mar. 21, 1831; m. Dec. 25, 1859, Rachel Hartwell.

30. Harry, son of Stephen, 3d, and Huldah Morehouse, m. Betsey Bare, Feb. 12, 1824; resided in Amenia, N. Y., and d. May 16, 1865, æ. 62. She d. Dec. 4, 1868, æ. 65.

71. Caroline, b. Apr. 7, 1831; m. James E. Watson, Nov. 25, 1852; had Carrie and Julia. 72. Sidney, b. Jan. 19, 1836.

35. Isaac, son of John, 2d, and Sarah Morehouse, m. Charlotte Hinman of Mass.

73. Henry II.

36. Jabez (Jabesh), son of John, 2d, and Sarah Morehouse, m. Harriet Barlow, Jan. 16, 1825.

74. Ralph, b. Aug. 16, 1825. 76. Lucy, b. Dec. 20, 1827; m. James F. Boyce.
 75. Henry, b. Oct. 1, 1826. 77. Helen, b. Mar. 31, 1840; d. in 1865.

39. Cyrus, son of John, 2d, and Sarah Morehouse, m. Cornelia A. Canfield, Nov. 20, 1832.

78. Jane; m. John Knowles. 82. Frank; m. — Wolsey; had 3 ch.
 79. Mary; m. Perry N. Hall. 83. Andrew; m.; had 3 ch.
 80. Annette; m. Isaac Sanford. 84. Henry.
 81. Albina; m. John Addis.

45. Jair, 2d, son of Jair and Elizabeth Morehouse, m. Sarah Elderkin of Roxbury, Mar. 28, 1830. Had 3 ch.

47. Daniel, son of Jair and Elizabeth Morehouse, m. Caroline Bartram, June 2, 1742.

85. Minor; m. Eliza Smith of Kent; had 3 ch.; and d. Nov. 25, 1851. 87. Levi.
 88. Smith, b. 1848; d. Apr. 6, 1853.
 86. Julia; m. Merwin Waller.

48. Jethro, son of Jair and Elizabeth Morehouse, m. Fannie Churchill of Roxbury, Feb. 9, 1834.

89. Cynthia (?)

51. Joel, son of Jair and Elizabeth Morehouse, m. 1st, Altha Throop of Morris, 2d, Eleanor B. Boyington of Huntington, and d. June 8, 1864, æ. 67.

90. Charles B. 92. Mary Elizabeth; d.
 91. Walter J.

56. Solomon, son of Dimon and Huldah Morehouse, m. Mary Platt, Nov. 11, 1850; residence in Marbledale.

- 92½. Sherman, b. May 28, 1853.

58. Stephen, son of Dimon and Huldah Morehouse, m. Maria Patterson, Mar. 27, 1850; resides in Washington, Conn.

- 92½. Amy A., b. Oct. 22, 1853; d. Aug. 31, 1873.

59. Henry H., son of Dimon and Huldah Morehouse, m. Panlona M. Titus, May 20, 1851; resides in Washington, Conn.

- 92½. Ellen F., b. Mar. 10, 1852. 92½. Henry, b. Nov. 14, 1856.

65. Julius S., son of Wm. and Julia Morehouse, m. Elizabeth S. Dennison of Redding; residence, Amenia, N. Y.

93. Julia Rebecca, b. Feb. 20, 1849; m. Chas. M. Prindle.
 94. Albina, b. Aug. 31, 1850; m. G. W. Vandersaelaer.
 95. James, b. Mar. 1, 1852.
 96. Joseph Jennings, b. June 18, 1854.
 97. Ann Elizabeth, b. Aug. 27, 1861.
 98. Julius Josephine, b. Sept. 29, 1863; m. Edward St. John.

65. Chauncey William, son of William and Julia Morehouse, m. Clarissa D. Dennison of Redding; residence in Sharon.

99. William Dennison, b. Mar. 30, 1849; d. Oct., 1871.
 100. Charles E., b. Feb. 27, 1851.
 101. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 7, 1853.
 102. Abby Jane, b. Nov. 13, 1855.
 103. Arthur Lucius, b. May 9, 1858.
 104. Clarissa Ann, b. Jan. 7, 1860.
 105. Franklin Sperry, b. Jan. 13, 1863.

72. Sidney, son of Harry and Betsey Morehouse, m. Helen Field of Amenla, N. Y., where they resided.

106. Fred H., b. Aug. 11, 1857.
 107. Oliver W., b. Aug. 4, 1859.
 108. Hattie P., b. Feb. 23, 1863.

73. Henry H., son of Isaac and Charlotte Morehouse, m. Georgianna Pepper of Chelsea, Mass.; resides in San Francisco, Cal.; had two children.

74. Ralph, son of Jabez and Harriet Morehouse, m. Eliza J. Sanford; resides in Marbledale.

109. Floyd Stanton.
 110. Lynde Colton.
 111. Bird Alice.
 112. John Henry.

75. Henry, son of Jabez and Harriet Morehouse, m. Cecilia C. Bissell, Nov. 17, 1850; resided in Northville. He d. in 1873.

113. Florence Bell; m. Horace A. Hill.

85. Minor, son of Daniel and Caroline Morehouse, m. Eliza Smith of Kent. He died Nov. 25, 1851. He bought the Taylor mill property in Marbledale, and built the saw-mill.

87. Levi, son of Daniel and Caroline Morehouse, m. Cornelia A. Miles; resides in Marbledale.

114. Arthur, b. Nov. 27, 1862.
 115. Fannie, b. Dec. 28, 1863.
 116. Minor, b. Sep. 22, 1865.

91. Walter J., son of Joel and Altha Morehouse, m. Anna B. Gregory, Apr. 13, 1868.

117. Son, b. Sep. 11, 1869.

Morehouse, Second Family.

Morehouse, John, probably brother of the first Stephen of the first family, was born in Fairfield, and settled in Ridgefield; had one ch.; perhaps others.

118. John, b. 1739.

118. John, 2d, son of John, Sen., m. Deborah Brush, who died in 1779. He settled in N. M. in that part that is now in Brookfield, over the mountain west of the Iron Works, in 1769 or 70.

119. Thomas, b. Feb. 21, 1759; resided in Lee, Mass.
 120. Joseph, b. Oct., 1760; d. unm., 1786.
 121. John, b. Nov. 9, 1762.
 122. Mary, b. Aug., 1764; m. Rowlin Norton.
 123. Lemuel, b. 1766.
 124. Nehemiah, b. 1768.
 125. Adonijah, b. Mar. 11, 1771.
 126. Rebecca, b. Apr. 4, 1773; m. Jacob Lobdell.
 127. Gould, b. Dec. 3, 1774; d. Sep. 19, 1775.
 128. James, b. Jan. 7, 1778.

121. John, 3d, son of John 2d and Deborah Morehouse, m. Mabel, dau. of Gilbert Ferris. His residence was in New Milford.

129. Deborah, b. May 1, 1785; m. Harmon Benedict.
 130. Joanna, b. Jan. 22, 1787; m. Samuel Eddy of Troy, N. Y.
 131. Esther, b. Oct. 28, 1788; m. 1st, 2d, 3d, and d. in Middletown, Pa.
 131½. Mary, b. Oct. 7, 1790; m. Nehemiah Smith Odell.
 132. Rebecca, b. Apr. 1, 1792.
 133. Electa, b. Apr. 10, 1794.
 134. John, b. Sep. 8, 1796.
 135. Tamar, b. Feb. 17, 1799; m. Daniel Sherman.
 136. Mabel, b. June 5, 1800; m. Samuel Baldwin.
 137. Marilla, b. Apr. 7, 1803; m. Stephen Myers.
 138. Sophronia Ann, b. Dec. 6, 1805.
 139. Gilbert Ferriss, b. Oct. 23, 1807; d. unm. in the West.
 140. Samuel, b. Nov. 9, 1809; d. young.
 141. Eveline, b. Mar. 23, 1812; m. ——— Cosier.

123. Lemuel, son of John 2d and Deborah Morehouse, m. Mehitable Treadwell, Sept. 1, 1791. Residence in N. M. He d. Dec. 16, 1839. She d. Sep. 21, 1860, æ. 96.

142. Minor, b. Aug. 11, 1792.
 143. Catharine, b. Oct. 15, 1794; m. Paul Davis, and d. Oct. 3, 1816.
 144. Ammon, b. June 24, 1797; d. Sep. 23, 1797.
 145. Ammon Brush, b. July 24, 1798.
 146. Lyman Banks, b. Jan. 8, 1801; m. Sarah N. Osborn, and d. Aug. 31, 1871; no ch.
 147. Sally, b. Apr. 15, 1804; m. Joseph Brown, and d. Jan. 7, 1859.

125. Adontjah, son of John 2d and Deborah Morehouse, m., and went West.

148. Zadoc.
 149. Joseph.
 150. Mary.

128. James, son of John 2d and Deborah Morehouse, m. in 1800, Matilda Bartram; resided in Brookfield, and d. July 17, 1838. She d. Apr. 22, 1863.

151. Phebe, b. Mar. 26, 1804.
 152. Alva, b. July 20, 1806; d. Mar. 25, 1852.
 153. Orrin Daniel, b. Sep. 1, 1808; d. May 26, 1859.
 154. John, b. Aug. 24, 1810.
 155. Adaline, b. Dec. 24, 1811.
 156. Livina, b. Sep. 23, 1814.
 157. James Willard, b. Apr. 14, 1818.

134. John, 4th, son of John 3d and Mabel Morehouse, m. Sally Smith, Feb. 7, 1822; removed to Sharon.

158. Jane.

142. Minor, son of Lemuel and Mehitable Morehouse, m. Betsey Ann Porter, Dec. 1, 1823; resided in N. M. She d. June 20, 1852, æ. 52. He d. Aug. 5, 1882, æ. 90 years.

159. Mortimer Bruce, b. Sep. 23, 1824; d. May 5, 1849.
 160. Edward Fitch, b. Apr. 23, 1828.
 161. Amanda Jane, b. May 6, 1832.

145. Ammon B., son of Lemuel and Mehitable Morehouse, m. Polly Maria Fisher; resided in N. M. He d. Feb. 3, 1854. She d. Oct. 12, 1847, æ. 48.

162. Ellen, b. Dec. 15, 1819; m. Emmon H. Nearing.
 163. Catharine, b. Apr. 28, 1821; m. Hezekiah Whitehead.
 164. Clark, b. Dec. 19, 1822.
 165. Beecher Fisher, b. May, 1826.
 166. Laura; m. Darwin Gibbs.
 167. Harriet; m. James Crosby.
 168. Ammon.
 169. Lyman.
 170. Mehitable.
 171. Susan Maria, b. Jan. 28, 1838; m. James Marsh.
 172. Betsey Ann.
 173. Jane; d.

154. John, son of James and Matilda Morehouse, m. Clarissa Burchard; resided in Danbury.

174. Phebe Matilda; m. Rufus Calloun.

157. James W., son of James and Matilda Morehouse, m. Cornelia Mee-ker; resided in Brookfield.

175. Daniel, b. Nov. 26, 1843.
 176. John, b. Sep. 14, 1846.
 177. Mary; d.
 178. Levina, b. Feb., 1852.
 179. Jane, b. Nov., 1856.

160. Edward F., son of Minor and Betsey A. Morehouse, m. Bessie A. Sherwood, June 5, 1854.

180. Charles Edward, b. Aug. 9, 1855; is studying at the N. Y. Medical University. 181. Lydia Amanda, b. Feb. 11, 1857.

161. Clark, son of Ammon B. and Polly M. Morehouse, m. Laura Lathrop, Oct. 24, 1842. (Town Rec. say Ann Lathrop.) Residence in Danbury. He d. in 1857.

182. Charles. 184. Alice.
183. Delia. 185. Clark Albert.

165. Beecher F., son of Ammon B. and Polly M. Morehouse, m. Maria Lathrop. He d. July 6, 1879.

186. George Wallace, b. Aug. 21, 1848; d. Sep. 1, 1861. 187. Hellen M., b. July 2, 1850; m. Albert Way.

168. Ammon, son of Ammon B. and Polly M. Morehouse, m. Eliza A. Morgan, June 5, 1853; residence was in New Haven.

188. Algora. 190. Ina.
189. Frank. 191. Bertha.

175. Daniel, son of James W. and Cornelia Morehouse, m. Maria Burdick, Oct. 8, 1874; resides in Brookfield.

172. Ina Harris, b. Jan. 18, 1878.

176. John, son of James W. and Cornelia Morehouse, m. Charlotte Elsinbas.

193. John David, b. Oct. 26, 1873. 195. Margaret Daisy, b. Apr. 13, 1879.
194. Catharine Cornelia, b. May 9, 1877.

185. Clark A., son of Clark and Laura Morehouse; m.

196. Charles. 197. Eugene.

Morehouse, Third Family.

Morehouse, Daniel, son of David, was born Jan. 28, 1786. His residence was in Kent, where he d. in Aug., 1871.

198. Austin, b. Mar. 23, 1805. 201. Nelson, b. Oct. 15, 1809.
199. Gustin, b. Aug. 27, 1806. 202. Lorenzo, b. Sep. 2, 1811.
200. Nancy, b. Jan. 20, 1808. 203. Julia, b. Oct. 21, 1821.

198. Austin, son of Daniel Morehouse, m. Rebecca Knapp of N. M., Jan. 25, 1831; residence in South Kent.

204. Ann Jane, b. Nov. 19, 1838; d. Oct. 26, 1842. 205. Egbert K., b. Jan. 1, 1845; d. Feb. 22, 1849.
206. John A., b. Dec. 28, 1846.

201. Nelson, son of Daniel Morehouse, m. Maria ———.

207. Martha. 208. Mary J., b. Aug. 1850; m. Wellington Watson.

MORGAN, James, probably son of James of Groton, Ct., b. May 11, 1750; came to New Milford and m. Jerusha Beecher, Feb. 16, 1768. She d. Apr. 17, 1826.

1. Lyman, b. June 13, 1778; d. June 2, 1780. 8. Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1781.
2. Daniel, b. July 17, 1769; d. Nov. 19, 1794. 9. Lyman, b. Apr. 12, 1783.
3. Tamar, b. Feb. 14, 1771. 10. Abigail, b. June 1, 1785.
4. Esther, b. Jan. 27, 1773; d. July 31, 1793. 11. Anna, b. Apr. 24, 1787.
5. Jerusha, b. Aug. 24, 1775. 12. Laura, b. Feb. 22, 1790; d. Oct. 5, 1793.
6. James, b. June 5, 1777. 13. Elijah, b. Apr. 8, 1793.
7. Samuel, b. Apr. 4, 1779.

MOSS, Isaac, m. Anna ———.

1. Melitable, b. Mar. 12, 1753. 4. Esther, bapt. Aug. 6, 1758.
2. Isaac, b. Jan. 2, 1755. 5. Mary, b. Aug. 27, 1760.
3. Simeon, bapt. Nov. 7, 1756. 6. Hannah, bapt. Apr. 4, 1762.

Moss, Amasa, m. Ruth Clark, Nov. 3, 1768.

1. Lydia, b. May 8, 1769.

Moss, John, and wife Lydia. He d. before 1752, since she was a widow when her children were baptized.

1. John, bapt. Aug. 29, 1752.
2. Lemuel, bapt. Aug. 29, 1752.
3. Sarah, b. July 5, 1751, in N. M.

MOTT, Abel, m. Rachel Pierce, May 11, 1756.

1. Lucy, b. Mar. 8, 1757.
2. Lyman, Sep. 6, 1758.
3. Isaac, b. Sep. 12, 1760.
4. Rhoda, b. Jan. 20, 1763.

MORRIS, Amos, was born in Bridgeport, Sept. 28, 1762, and m. Eunice Clark, and settled in Newtown, where he resided for some years, and removed to Bridgewater in the spring of 1800, where they resided until 1833, when they removed to Great Barrington, Mass., where they spent the last eight years of their lives, only four days intervening between their deaths.

1. Levi.
2. Roswell.
3. Curtis.
4. Martha; m. Orange Smith.

1. **Levi**, son of Amos and Eunice Morris, m. Polly H. Smith.

2. **Roswell**, son of Amos and Eunice Morris, m. Laura, dau. of John Canfield, Nov. 26, 1818. (See Biog.)

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| Cornelia; m. Henry B. Young. | Mary. |
| Caroline; m. Peter Wooster. | Arza C. |

Arza C., son of Roswell and Eunice Morris, m. Sarah E. Mallett.

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| Gertrude E. | S. Eugenia. |
| Mary A. | |

MURRY, Sergt. John, m. Martha Howard, May 30, 1851. He d. in the campaign of the French War, Sept. 7, 1760.

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| Eunice, b. Jan. 28, 1752. | George, b. Aug. 9, 1757. |
| Jasper, b. Aug. 3, 1753. | Saul, b. Jan. 20, 1759. |
| Benjamin, b. Oct. 8, 1755. | Mary. |

1. **MYGATT, Joseph**, b. in England in 1596, sailed with his wife Ann, in July, 1633, for America. Among the passengers in the same ship, the Griffin, were the Rev. Thomas Hooker, the Rev. John Cotton, and the Rev. Samuel Stone. The ship Griffin arrived at Boston Sep. 4, 1633, and Mr. Mygatt settled at Newtown, Mass., and in June, 1636, came to Hartford with Mr. Hooker's company, where he resided until his decease, Dec. 7, 1680, æ. 84 years. His widow Ann died in 1686. Mr. Mygatt was bred a merchant, and at Hartford carried on a trade with the Indians, in connection with his other business. Ch.:

2. Jacob, b. in 1633.
3. Mary, b. in 1637; m. John Demming, Jr.

2. **Jacob**, son of Joseph and Ann Mygatt, m. Sarah, dau. of William Whiting, about 1655. His residence was in Hartford.

4. Joseph.
5. Sarah.

4. **Joseph**, son of Jacob and Sarah Mygatt, m. Sarah, dau. of Lieut. Robert Webster, Nov. 15, 1677. Her mother was Susannah Treat, sister of Gov. Robert Treat of Milford. Joseph Mygatt died in March, 1668. Ch.:

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| 5. Joseph, b. Oct. 23, 1678. | 10. Thomas, b. Sep. 11, 1688. |
| 6. Susannah, b. Oct. 3, 1680. | 11. Sarah, b. Mar. 9, 1691. |
| 7. Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1682. | 12. Zebulon, b. Nov. 3, 1693. |
| 8. Jacob, b. Dec. 9, 1684; d. 1685. | 13. Dorothy, b. Jan. 26, 1696. |
| 9. Jacob, b. Nov. 9, 1686; d. 1687. | |

5. **Joseph, 2d**, son of Joseph and Sarah Mygatt, m. Elizabeth Stevens. He died Dec. 27, 1724, at Hartford.

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| 14. Jacob, b. in 1707. | 16. Sarah, b. in 1714. |
| 15. Joseph, b. in 1720. | 17. Mary. |

15. Joseph, 3d, son of Joseph 2d, and Elizabeth Mygatt, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Starr, about 1732. He lived and died in Danbury, April, 1749.

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| 18. Elizabeth, b. 1733. | 22. Eli, b. Jan. 25, 1742. + |
| 19. Thomas, b. 1735. | 23. Abigail, b. May 6, 1744. |
| 20. Rebecca, b. 1737. | 24. Benjamin Starr, b. 1746. + |
| 21. Sarah, b. 1739; m. Col. Josiah Starr of N. M. | 25. Joseph, b. May, 1749. |

22. Eli, son of Joseph 3d, and Elizabeth Mygatt, m. Abigail Starr October, 1759. She was the daughter of Samuel and Abigail Starr of Danbury, and died in Danbury Nov. 27, 1767. He m. 2d, Phebe Judson of Newtown, Conn., July 6, 1769. She died Aug. 13, 1783, æ. 36 years.

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| 26. Noadiah, b. Feb. 15, 1760. | <i>By 2d wife.</i> |
| 27. Amarillis, b. May, 1762; d. Sep., 1762, in Danbury. | 30. Eli, b. Mar. 23, 1770. |
| 28. Comfort Starr, b. Aug. 23, 1763. | 31. Betty, June 21, 1771. |
| 29. Philo, b. Dec. 24, 1765. | 32. David Judson, b. Feb. 21, 1773; d. Aug. 20, 1775. |
| | 33. David Judson, b. Oct. 1, 1777. |

24. Benjamin S., son of Joseph 3d, and Elizabeth Mygatt, m. Tryphena, dau. of Oliver Warner of New Milford, Apr. 5, 1775. He died in New Milford Feb. 6, 1794, and his widow Tryphena m. Doct. Daniel N. Carrington of Danbury, about 1804. She died there June 16, 1815. Ch.:

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| 34. Augustin, b. Apr. 6, 1776. | 37. Rebecca, b. May 7, 1788; m. Curtis Clark of Danbury. |
| 35. Rebecca, b. Dec. 22, 1777; d. Mar. 15, 1778. | |
| 36. Sarah, b. May 16, 1779; m. Isaac Hayes of Unadilla, N. Y. | |

25. Joseph, son of Joseph 3d, and Elizabeth Mygatt, m. Elizabeth Richmond of New Milford, May 15, 1771. He removed to Whitehall, N. Y., prior to 1812, and lived there until his death, which occurred while on a visit at Sharon, Conn., about 1825.

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| 38. Benjamin Starr, b. Oct. 15, 1774; d. Nov. 16, 1776. | Whitehall, leaving ch.: Malcolm, George, Henrietta. |
| 39. Ezra, b. Oct. 21, 1771; m. Sarah Elizabeth Nicholson of New Milford. He died at | 40. Hannah; d. at Whitehall. |

26. Noadiah, son of Col. Eli and Abigail (Starr) Mygatt, m. Clarissa Lines.

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| 41. Henry, b. Nov. 7, 1783. | 45. Abby Starr, b. July 22, 1794; d. Sept. 11, 1795. |
| 42. William, b. Oct. 25, 1785. | 46. Abby, b. July 22, 1796; m. Glover Noble; no ch. |
| 43. Minerva, b. Aug. 5, 1788; m. Dobson W. McMahon. | 47. Elizabeth, b. June 2, 1799; m. Austin Hyde; removed to Oxford, N. Y., and had four children. |
| 44. Eli, b. Mar. 14, 1791. | |

34. Augustin, son of Benjamin S. and Tryphena Mygatt, m. Fanny Dickerson of New Milford. Ch.:

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| George W., b. Jan. 16, 1805; is an architect in Milwaukee, Wis. | Mary Rebecca, b. Feb. 15, 1807; m. Edwin Palmer of Painesville, O. |
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41. Henry, son of Noadiah and Clarissa Mygatt, emigrated to Chenango Co, N. Y., about 1806, and m. Sally S. Washburn about 1809. She died Sep. 26, 1818. He m. 2d, Mrs. Susan Osmer of Conn. He died at Oxford May 5, 1835.

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| 48. Henry Roland, b. Apr. 10, 1810. | <i>By 2d wife.</i> |
| 49. Orlando N., b. Aug. 24, 1812. | 52. Susan Throop, b. Sep. 5, 1822. |
| 50. Clarissa A., b. Feb. 2, 1815. | 53. Frances Louisa, b. May 10, 1824. |
| 51. Sarah E., b. Jan. 6, 1818. | 54. Caroline Louisa, b. Dec. 1, 1825. |

42. William, son of Noadiah and Clarissa Mygatt, m. Caroline, dau. of Cyrus Northrop, Jan., 1817. They removed to Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y.

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| 55. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 7, 1817. | 59. Susan Minerva, b. in 1825; d. y. |
| 56. Frederick N., b. in 1819; d. y. | 60. Caroline Louisa, b. in 1827. |
| 57. Sarah Abby, b. in 1821. | 61. Jane Ann, b. in 1829. |
| 58. Emily Northrop, b. in 1823. | 62. Julia McMahon, b. in 1832. |

44. Eli, son of Noadiah and Clarissa Mygatt, m. Martha, dau. of Elijah Downs, Feb. 18, 1816. He was a merchant and banker; a well and favorably-known citizen; an upright, successful business man; and is still spoken of in the highest terms of respect. He is deceased. (See pages 496 and 499.) He purchased the homestead of Gerardus Booth, Aug. 30, 1830, where his widow now resides.

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| 63. John E.; d. unm. in 1841. | New York, where he died Mar. 29, 1881; |
| 64. Henry S. | had ch.: Susan H., m. Cyrille Carreau; |
| 65. Andrew Burr. | Martha M., who d.; Martha M., and an |
| 66. Martha Downs; m. Henry R. Treadwell. | infant. |
| 67. Mary Esther; m. Henry Booth. | 70. Clarissa R.; m. Henry R. Treadwell. |
| 68. Elizabeth; m. Ezra Northrop in 1752. | 71. Ellen Catharine; d. y. |
| 69. Harriet; m. James M. Boyd May 1, 1861, of | |

64. Henry S., son of Eli and Martha D. Mygatt, m. Mary, dau. of Abel Hinc, Sep. 17, 1839. He is engaged in the real estate business in New York City.

65. Hon. Andrew B., son of Eli and Martha D. Mygatt, m. Caroline, dau. of Col. Samuel Canfield, June 7, 1843. (See page 516.)

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| 72. Caroline Canfield, b. Nov. 2, 1844; d. Jan. 28, 1845. | drews of Bridgeport, where they reside. They have a son, Henry Mygatt. |
| 73. Henry S. | 75. Isabel Taylor. |
| 74. Caroline C.; m. June 22, 1879, Frank S. An- | |

Henry S., son of Andrew B. and Caroline Mygatt, m. Nancy Eells, dau. of Elisha Faxon, Jr., Nov. 9, 1879. Ch.:

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| 76. Frederic Eli. | 77. Andrew Burton. |
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- NEARING, John Henry**, m. Elizabeth Murry, May 5, 1743.

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| 1. Sarah, b. May 13, 1744. | 6. Ruby, b. Mar. 3, 1756. |
| 2. Ann, b. May 12, 1746. | 7. Henry, b. Jan. 29, 1758. |
| 3. John, b. Apr. 12, 1748. | 8. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 2, 1760. |
| 4. Mary, b. Apr. 14, 1751. | 9. Joseph, b. June 3, 1762. |
| 5. Hannah, b. Apr. 6, 1753. | |

Nearing, John, m. Lucy M. Baldwin, Dec. 13, 1821, he being then of New Lisbon, N. Y.

NICHOLS, Isaac, probably from Stratford, m. Sarah Stevens, June 15, 1799. He settled on Beers Hill, at the brow on the south edge of the plain. His father-in-law Stevens resided on the same hill.

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| 1. Rachel, b. Apr. 3, 1780; m. William Marsh. | 5. Asa, b. Nov. 4, 1786. |
| 2. Peter, b. Feb. 14, 1782. | 6. Hanford, b. Oct. 3, 1788. |
| 3. Mary, b. Nov. 3, 1783. | 7. Abiah, b. Apr. 20, 1790. |
| 4. Sarah, b. Mar. 8, 1785; m. William Marsh. | |

NICHOLSON, Angus, said to have been a Scotchman, came to New Milford, and m. Sarah Platt, May 11, 1767. He died Mar. 26, 1804. He was a very energetic business man; built the Iron Works in the lower part of Lower Merryall, bought much other mill and real estate property; and gave himself wholly to business enterprises. His Iron Works and mills in Lower Merryall he sold for £1,700.

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| 1. Anna, b. Aug. 17, 1768; d. Nov. 16, 1769. | 6. Samuel Malcolm, b. Aug. 19, 1781. |
| 2. Barbary, b. Mar. 14, 1771. | 7. Mary Ann, b. Oct. 30, 1784. |
| 3. Amy, b. Mar. 3, 1773. | 8. Angus, b. Oct. 4, 1786. |
| 4. Sarah, b. June 23, 1777. | 9. Donald, b. Aug. 16, 1789; d. Sep. 26, 1791. |
| 5. Mary, b. Sep. 11, 1779; d. Nov. 24, 1781. | |

1. THOMAS NOBLE¹ was the emigrant ancestor of the largest family in the United States, bearing the name of Noble. He was born as early as 1632, probably in some part of England, and died in Westfield, Mass., Jan. 20, 1704, *æ.* at least 72 years. It is not known what year he came to this country, but he was ad-

¹ See Genealogy of the Noble Family, by Lucius M. Boltwood.

mitted an inhabitant in Boston, Jan. 5, 1653, and removed the same year to Springfield, Mass., where he resided until about 1669, when he is found in Westfield, Mass., as a citizen, and where he lived as a prominent inhabitant until his decease. He m. Nov. 1, 1660, Hannah Warriner, b. in Springfield, Mass., Aug. 17, 1643; only dau. of William and Joanna (Scant) Warriner. After Mr. Noble's decease, she m. Medad Pomeroy of Northampton, Mass., whom she survived.

2. John, b. Mar. 6, 1662.
3. Hannah, b. Feb. 24, 1664; m. 1st, J. Goodman; 2d, N. Edwards; 3d, S. Partridge.
4. Thomas, b. Jan. 14, 1666; m. Elizabeth Dewey.
5. Matthew; m. Hannah Dewey.
6. Mark; m. Mary Marshall.
7. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1673; m. 1st, R. Church; 2d, S. Loomis.
8. Luke, b. July 15, 1675; m. Hannah Stebbins.
9. James, b. Oct. 1, 1677; m. 1st, Ruth —; 2d, C. Higley.
10. Mary, b. June 29, 1681; m. Ephraim Colton.
11. Rebecca, b. Jan. 4, 1683; m. Samuel Loomis.

2. John, son of Thomas and Hannah Noble, m. 1st, Abigail Sackett of Northampton, Mass. She d. at Westfield, July 3, 1683, æ. 19, four days after the birth of her first child. He m. 2d, in 1684, Mary, dau. of Richard Goodman of Hadley, Mass. She was one of the number of whom the first church in New Milford was composed at its organization, Nov. 21, 1716, and was still living, Mar. 15, 1717. He died in New Milford, Ct., Aug. 17, 1714, æ. 52. (See page 26.) Ch.:

- By 1st wife.*
12. Abigail, b. June 30, 1683.
 18. Hannah, b. Nov. 2, 1697; m. Solomon Johnson of Woodbury.
- By 2d wife.*
13. John, b. Feb. 15, 1685.
 14. Stephen, b. Aug. 15, 1686.
 15. Elizabeth, b. June 23, 1689.
 16. Mary, b. Oct. 16, 1692; m. Andrew Hinman of Woodbury.
 17. David, b. Jan. 25, 1695.
 19. Sarah, b. Mar. 22, 1699; m. Titus Hinman of Woodbury.
 20. William, b. Oct. 25, 1702; d. June 30, 1703.
 21. Margaret, b. Apr. 3, 1704; m. James Hine.
 22. Mabel, b. Feb. 28, 1706; m. Matthew Benedict of Danbury.

13. John, Jr., son of John and Mary Noble, came probably with his father's family to New Milford. He united with the Cong. Church in New Milford, Aug. 1720; was captain of the train-band in the same town in 1732; was a signer of a memorial to the General Assembly in 1743, for liberty to establish a church in the south part of New Milford, and the adjacent towns of Danbury and Newtown, the memorialists all living from four to seven miles from church. He built the house next south of Gallows Hill, about six or seven miles below the center of New Milford, on the road to Danbury, where he lived and died in 1883, æ. 88. In his will he gave his daughter Rachel, in addition to the eighth part of his estate, his "Negro man Robbin," after the decease of his wife. This negro boy was baptized by Mr. Boardman, June 12, 1737. He m. 1st, Hannah, dau. of Thomas Picket. She d. Mar. 1, 1716. He m. 2d, Abigail, dau. of Ezekiel Buck. He m. 3d, Mar. 23, 1733, Mrs. Sarah (Drake) Slaughter of Ridgefield, Ct. She d. Dec. 30, 1792, æ. 102. Ch.:

- By 1st wife.*
23. Thomas, b. Jan. 16, 1712; m.
 24. Child; d. 1715.
 25. Child; d. 1715.
- By 2d wife.*
26. John, b. Sept. 21, 1717.
 27. Grace, b. Jan. 22, 1719; d. Feb. 1, 1719.
 28. William, b. Mar. 2, 1720; d. May 8, 1720, æ. 2 mos.
 29. "Bliah," b. May 19, 1721; m. Benjamin Bennet of Sherman.
 30. Nathan, b. and bapt. Feb. 4, 1722.
 31. Sarah, bapt. Aug., 1724; m. Caleb Stephens of
 32. Rachel, b. July 3, 1726; m. William Spooner of Warren, Ct.
 33. Aaron, bapt. Dec. 3, 1727; prob. d. young.
 34. Marcey, b. "so as to be baptized July 5, 1729;" m. James Benedict
 35. Hannah, b. "so as to be baptized July 5, 1730;" m. in 1752, John Gray of Kent, Ct.; removed to Bennington, Vt.; had son John, who was a captive for two and a half years among the Indians.

14. Capt. Stephen, son of John and Mary Noble, m. Abigail, dau. of Isaac Morgan of Enfield, Ct. She was b. Feb. 16, 1683; d. about 1758, æ. about 75. He d. Dec. 10, 1755, æ. 69. He was a blacksmith; purchased a farm in Enfield, Ct., in 1709, which he sold in 1713, being then of Enfield, and removed to New Milford, where were measured to him, Jan. 24, 1714, twenty acres of land for a half right. Stephen Noble was a man of large influence in the town of New Milford, and held nearly every office of honor and trust in the gift of its citizens. He was selectman for fifteen years; and he and John Bostwick were the first Representatives of the town, and he held that office for sixteen sessions. He was chosen Captain at the organization of the first military company of the town, between 1715 and 1720, and continued in that office for twenty years. He had a prominent part in the settlement of the first minister, the Rev. Daniel Boardman, and was afterwards a member of his church for twenty eight years. Administration on his estate was granted Jan. 16, 1756, to his only surviving sons, Gideon and Stephen. Ch.:

36. Stephen, b. Mar. 27, 1710.

win, Oct. 15, 1744. No ch.

37. Abigail; m. Matthew Hawley.

40. Prudence, b. May 3, 1721; m. Amos Collins.

38. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 13, 1715; m. 1st, I. DeForest; 2d, C. Mallory.

41. Mary, b. June 27, 1723; m. David Merwin.

42. Gideon, b. Mar. 10, 1726.

39. Jonathan, b. Mar. 14, 1718; m. Mary Baldwin.

17. Ens. David, son of John and Mary Noble, m. 1st, Lydia, dau. of Joseph Forward of Danbury, Conn., June 15, 1720, and she d. about a year afterwards. He m. 2d, June 1, 1722, Susannah, dau. of Hon. John Sherman of Woodbury, Conn.; she was b. in Nov. 1, 1693, and d. Apr. 2, 1750, in her 57th year (gravestone says 61st year). He m. 3d, Mrs. Jerusha Bostwick, widow of Nathaniel Bostwick, Esq., and previously widow of Capt. Theophilus Baldwin; her maiden name being Jerusha Beecher. She departed this life Aug. 28, 1790, aged 85 years.

David Noble joined the first church in New Milford in 1720; was chosen, Oct. 11, 1743, ensign of the North military company, from which office he retired May 4, 1747, "having arrived at the age of fifty years and upwards." He was selectman two years; Representative, six sessions; and died about 1760, æ. about 64 years. Ch.:

By 1st wife.

43. Daniel, b. July 22, 1721.

46. Eunice, b. Jan. 13, 1728; m. 1st, H. Noble; 2d, T. Baldwin.

By 2d wife.

44. Zadoc, b. Sept. 17, 1723.

47. Susannah, b. July 19, 1730; m. Dr. John Carrington, June 16, 1756.

45. Asahel, b. Oct. 7, 1725.

23. Thomas, son of John, Jr., and Hannah (Picket) Noble, m. Mary, dau. of Capt. Thomas Curtis of Kensington, Conn., June 29, 1737. She d. Jan. 17, 1795, æ. 78. He d. Nov. 4, 1783, æ. 71.

He erected the first house north of Gallows Hill, near his father's, where he resided until his decease. He was an active business man; owned considerable landed property, including a portion of the iron works. He was selectman in 1771 and 1773, and Representative for five sessions, ending in 1774. Ch.:

48. Hannah, b. Aug. 23, 1738; m. Ichabod B. Palmer.

53. Thomas, b. Sept. 28, 1748; m. Eunice, dau. of Gideon Noble; was in the Revolution, and d. on Long Island. He had no ch.

49. Chloe, b. Feb. 11, 1740; m. Zadoc Hard.

54. Elnathan, b. Mar. 16, 1750.

50. Hepziba, b. Mar. 31, 1742; d. æ. 12.

55. Flavia, b. ; d. unm.

51. Phebe, b. May 11, 1744; d. unm.

56. Jesse, b. Sept. 23, 1754.

52. Mary, b. Jan. 8, 1746; d. unm., æ. 64.

57. Sylvanus, b. July 11, 1756.

58. Isband, b. Dec. 26, 1759.

26. John, 3d, son of John, Jr., and Abigail Noble, m. Aug. 23, 1743, Anna Peet, in Unity Parish, Stratford, Conn. After his death she is supposed to have m. May 7, 1766, Israel Holmes of East Greenwich, now Warren, Conn. He d. about 1757. He probably resided near his father, for he was a petitioner with him and other inhabitants for a new religious society. Ch.:

59. Sarah, b. July 23, 1744.

61. Abraham, b. Sept. 23, 1748.

60. Abigail, b. May 12, 1746.

62. John, b. June 31, 1751; d. young.

30. Nathan, son of John, Jr., and Abigail Noble, m. Mary, dau. of John Gray of Provincetown, Mass., May 2, 1748. She d. Oct. 29, 1785, æ. 59. He d. in Saratoga, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1777, æ. 55. He served some time in the French war, being at Louisburg, Oct. 9, 1745, when his health became much impaired by fever and ague. He enlisted in the Revolution for three years from Gray Corner, Me., where he was living in comfortable circumstances; was in the battle of Stillwater, and a number of others, and that of Saratoga, where he was killed by a musket-ball from the enemy. He remarked on the morning of his death that he should not live out the day. Ch.:

63. Phebe, b. May 15, 1749; m. Benjamin Gookl, and removed to Me.

68. Hannah, b. Apr. 9, 1757; m. Elisha Hayden in Braintree, Mass.

64. Michael, b. Jan. 3, 1751; d. July 8, 1752, æ. 6 mo.

69. Nathan, b. Feb. 20, 1761.

65. Son, { twins, } d. May 25, 1753.

70. Mary, b. June 24, 1764; m. June 17, 1790, Malachi Bartlett of Hartford, Me.

66. Son, { b. May 25, 1753, } d. June 2, 1753.

71. Anna, b. July 9, 1769; m. Apr. 11, 1797, Nathaniel Fuller of Plympton, Mass.

67. Reuben, b. Feb. 15, 1755.

36. Stephen, son of Capt. Stephen and Abigail Noble, m. Sarah, dau. of Zachariah Ferriss, July 18, 1733. He d. in Kent, Conn., Dec. 5, 1797, æ. 87. She d. Mar. 9, 1802, æ. 91. He removed from New Milford to Kent after 1739, and resided on the same farm where his great-grandson, David Noble, lived in 1852. He was a very early riser and plain in his habits for many years before his death. Ch.:

72. Lucy, b. Feb. 6, 1734; m. Dec. 25, 1754, Jedediah Hubbell.

77. Sarah, b. Dec. 13, 1742; d. unm.

73. Israel, b. Mar. 25.

78. Mehitable, b. June 2, 1745.

74. Zachariah, b. Apr. 10, 1737.

79. Annis, b. Mar. 13, 1748.

75. Morgan, b. Jan. 10, 1739.

80. Rosannah, b. July 12, 1752.

76. Abigail, b. Nov. 18, 1740; m. 1st, Rev. Sylvanus Osborn; and 2d, Rev. Jeremiah Day of New Preston.

81. Lois, b. May 18, 1755; m. Rev. Joseph Badger.

42. Gideon, son of Stephen and Abigail Noble, m. Martha Prime, Mar. 22, 1747. He was sergeant in the company of Capt. Isaac Bostwick, who went to Boston or its vicinity in the Revolution, and was in the service from July 12, to Dec. 10, 1775. He removed with his family from New Milford, about 1785, to Freehold (now Cairo), Greene Co., N. Y., where he died. Ch.:

82. Jonathan, b. Jan. 9, 1749; d. Sept. 9, 1753.

86. Goodman, b. July 3, 1756; m.

83. Eunice, b. Nov. 12, 1750; m. 1st, T. Noble; 2d, R. Olmstead.

87. Lynnan, b. Mar. 5, 1758; m.

84. Martha, b. Aug. 16, 1752; m.

88. Anna, b. Sept. 1761; m.

85. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1754; m.

89. Prudence, b. about 1762; m. Jonathan Mygatt.

90. Philena, b. Feb. 26, 1764.

43. Dea. Dantel, son of Ens. David and Lydia Noble, m. Mary, dau. of William Gaylord, Nov. 8, 1743. After his death, Oct. 6, 1757, she m. 2d, Dea. Benjamin Bennett, and had children. Ch.:

91. David, b. Dec. 9, 1744; m. Abigail Bennett.

94. Johannah, b. 1752; m. Nathan Sherwood.

92. Lydia, b. Dec. 11, 1746; m. Wm. Giddings.

95. Mabel; m. Ebenezer Stratton.

93. Anna, b. Jan. 29, 1749; m. Eleazer Hubbell.

44. Zadoc, son of Ens. David and Susannah Noble, m. Freelope Dibble of Danbury. He was selectman in New Milford; was lieutenant in the militia, and quite prominent in town matters during the Revolution. He died Jan. 13, 1786, æ. 62. She died May 6, 1791, æ. 63.

96. Ezra Dibble, b. Jan. 3, 1749.

97. Ichabod, b. July 5, 1750; d. y.

98. Martin, b. Feb. 6, 1752; d. y.

99. Rebecca, b. Feb. 24, 1756; m. Abel Merwin.

100. Susannah, b. Jan. 25, 1758; m. 1st, A. Gunn; 2d, N. Taylor.

101. David, b. Dec. 26, 1759.

102. Daniel, b. Jan. 11, 1762.

103. Eunice, b. May 17, 1764; d. y.

104. Wakefield, b. Jan. 14, 1766; m. Rachel Starr of Danbury. He d. in New Milford Mar. 7, 1826. She d. Mar. 11, 1852, æ. 91. No children.

105. Diame, b. Mar. 5, 1768; m. Wm. Doan.

106. Zadoc, b. Dec. 20, 1772; m. Sally Stilson.

45. Asahel, son of Ens. David and Susannah Noble, m. Catharine Peet Jan. 3, 1750. He was prominent in the town, especially during the Revolution, being one of the committee to provide clothing for the soldiers. He died Mar. 8, 1796.

107. Elisha, b. Oct. 25, 1750; m. Sally Crane; had several children b. in N. M.; removed to Whitehall, thence to Essex, N. Y.

108. Sherman, b. Sep. 14, 1752; m. Sarah Davis;

had several children b. in N. M.; removed to Charlton, N. Y., about 1791.

109. Reuben, b. Oct. 5, 1756; unm.; was killed by a cart running over him; 20 years of age.

110. Annis; bapt. Mar. 9, 1766.

54. Elnathan, son of Thomas and Mary Noble, m. Johannah Bostwick, dau. of Nathaniel, Feb. 10, 1774. He lived in Brookfield; was quite prominent as a citizen; removed in 1793 to Butternut Creek, Otsego Co., N. Y., into a log house ten feet by twelve, covered with elm bark, with a chimney made of sticks and clay, and containing but two rooms. He was for many years a magistrate of the town. He died of apoplexy Jan. 11, 1824, æ. 74. Ch.:

111. Curtis, b. Nov. 19, 1774.

112. Cyrenus, b. Sep. 27, 1776.

113. Elnathan, b. July 15, 1779.

114. Thomas, b. July 18, 1781; d. y.

115. Sally, b. Apr. 12, 1783.

116. Sylvanus, b. Apr. 17, 1785.

117. Bostwick, b. Dec. 30, 1788.

118. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 10, 1792.

119. Garadus, b. July 5, 1795.

120. Harriet, b. Nov. 26, 1798.

56. Jesse, son of Thomas and Mary Noble, m. Mary Davis of N. M., May 28, 1780. He removed to New Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1808, where he died Apr. 22, 1833, æ. 78. She died Apr. 21, 1830, æ. 68.

121. Heppy, b. Apr. 5, 1781.

122. Thomas, b. Feb. 5, 1785.

123. Jesse Davis, b. June 22, 1789.

124. Polly Maria, b. June 6, 1793.

125. Sarah Eliza, b. Sept. 2, 1802.

57. Sylvanus, son of Thomas and Mary Noble, m. Elizabeth Glover of Newtown, July 11, 1790. He resided on his father's homestead. Ch.:

126. Birdsey Glover, b. Apr. 26, 1791. (See list of ministers.)

127. John Glover, b. Jan. 14, 1793.

128. Phebe Marietta, b. Nov. 1, 1795.

58. Isband, son of Thomas and Mary Noble, m. Amy Tuttle of Woodbury, in 1782. He removed to Vt. in 1790, and thence, after some years, to C. W.

129. Lodemia, b. May 3, 1784.

130. John, b. Mar. 26, 1786.

131. Isband, b. Aug. 20, 1788.

132. Roxana, b. Aug. 21, 1790.

133. Mary, b. Jan. 26, 1793.

96. Ezra D., son of Zadoc and Freelope Noble, m. 1st, Eunice Bostwick, June 24, 1772. She died Feb. 24, 1804. He m. 2d, Mrs. Anna Gregory, June 22, 1805. He was a farmer, and lived on the plain where Mr. Edward Morehouse now resides, having built for himself the house now standing there. He died Mar. 26, 1808, æ. 59. She died Aug. 22, 1815, æ. 65.

- 134. Ichabod, b. Mar. 20, 1773.
- 135. Martin, b. June 18, 1774; removed to New Lisbon, N. Y.
- 136. Elijah, b. Feb. 6, 1776; d. y.
- 137. Philo, b. Feb. 6, 1778; m. Anna M., dau. of Josiah Lockwood, and removed in 1834 to Painesville, O.
- 138. Ezra, b. July 9, 1779.
- 139. Hannah, b. Jan. 1, 1781; m. Benj. Fairchild.
- 140. Esther, b. May 27, 1783; d. y.
- 141. Esther, b. Feb. 1, 1787; m. David Wylie of Mass.

101. David, son of Zadoc and Frelove Noble, m. Jerusha Bull of Milford June 22, 1784. She died May 7, 1829, æ. 69. He died Jan. 29, 1813, æ. 53.

- 142. Lucy Bull, b. July 6, 1785; m. William Gaylord, Jr.
- 143. Frederick, b. Mar. 3, 1788; d. y.
- 144. Charlotte, b. Feb. 20, 1789; d. unm. July 25, 1844.
- 145. Susanna, b. May 22, 1791; m. Wm. Hatch of Holley, N. Y.
- 146. Esther, b. Apr. 7, 1793; m. Chas. F. Potter.
- 147. Chauncey, b. July 16, 1795; settled in Newtown.
- 148. Henry Bull, b. Oct. 11, 1798; removed to Beekman, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
- 149. Rebecca, b. Jan. 7, 1800; d. æ. 24.
- 150. Caroline, b. July 21, 1803; m.
- 151. David Dibble, b. Aug. 25, 1807.

102. Daniel, son of Zadock and Frelove Noble, m. 1st, Lucy Burrell, in 1787. She died in 1823, and he m. 2d, Mary West, May 24, 1823. He removed to Ballston, and thence to York, Livingston Co., N. Y.

- 152. William H., b. Sept. 22, 1788.
- 153. Harriet, b. Jan. 10, 1791.
- 154. Stephen B., b. Aug. 9, 1798.
- 155. Daniel C., b. May 29, 1801.
- 154. Eunice M.

106. Zadock, Jr., son of Zadock and Frelove Noble, m. Sally Stilson in N. M., and removed to Franklin, N. Y., in 1796, where he died Mar. 30, 1826. His widow Sally died Apr. 8, 1841, æ. 64.

- 155. Frederick, b. Aug. 17, 1794.
- 156. Henry, b. Feb. 19, 1798.
- 157. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 1, 1800.
- 158. Sally, b. Aug. 15, 1802.
- 159. William Stilson, b. Oct. 16, 1805.
- 160. Susan, b. Apr. 1, 1810.
- 161. Charles, b. July 21, 1814.
- 162. Albert, b. Aug. 2, 1817.

127. John G., son of Sylvanus and Elizabeth Noble, m. Abigail, dau. of Noadiah Mygatt, Feb. 4, 1821. She died Dec. 24, 1874, æ. 78. He was a member of the General Assembly in 1853 and 1854. He d. Dec. 9, 1876, æ. 77.

134. Ichabod, son of Ezra D. and Eunice Noble, m. Lucinda Botsford Sep. 14, 1796. He was a farmer on his father's homestead.

- 163. Elijah Botsford, b. Aug. 7, 1797; removed to New Canaan, Conn.
- 164. Mary Ann, b. July 3, 1799; m. Fitch Ferriss; resided in Canaan, Conn.
- 165. Lucia, b. Feb. 24, 1802; m. Theophilus Nichols of Newtown, Conn.
- 166. Harriet, b. Aug. 11, 1804; m. Ransom Thomas of Sweden, N. Y.
- 167. Eunice Maria, b. Jan. 11, 1807; d. unm.
- 168. Marcus, b. Dec. 11, 1808; m. and removed to Bethel, Conn., thence to Niagara Co., N. Y.
- 169. Marcia, b. Dec. 11, 1808; m. Stephen Smith removed after some years to Pittsfield, Mich.
- 170. Charles Clement, b. Dec. 18, 1811.

138. Ezra, son of Ezra D. and Eunice Noble, m. Amelia Hickok of Danbury, Mar. 10, 1810. She died Mar. 25, 1842, æ. 59. He lived in New Milford village; had a shoe shop and tanning works on what is now the corner of Main and Bank streets, and was a much respected citizen. He died June 1, 1855, æ. 75.

- 171. Hiram Benjamin, b. Apr. 10, 1811.
- 172. Mary Lucetta, b. Aug. 15, 1812; m. Austin B. Trowbridge of New York City.
- 173. George Henry, b. Mar. 12, 1814.
- 174. Maria Amelia, b. Feb. 10, 1816; m. John M. Thompson, a merchant of Bridgeport.
- 175. Rachel Ann, b. Jan. 26, 1818; m. Doct. Thomas B. Lacey, who practiced medicine a time in N. M., and removed in 1856 to Racine, Wis.
- 176. Julia Catharine, b. June 12, 1820; m. Sheldon Blackman, a jeweler of N. M.

147. Chauncey, son of David and Jerusha Noble, m. 1st, Caroline Boardman, Nov. 9, 1819; 2d, Mrs. Sally Blackman of Newtown. He resided in Newtown.

177. Edward Mark, b. Aug. 22, 1820.

178. Andrew Baldwin, b. Jan. 14, 1823.

179. Harry, b. Apr. 22, 1825; d. in 1833.

180. Sarah, b. Nov. 2, 1826; d. in 1831.

151. David D., son of David and Jerusha Noble, m. Abby M., dau. of Daniel Merwin, Apr. 10, 1839. He was a farmer, and died Dec. 5, 1852, æ. 45.

181. Francis Daniel, b. Jan. 24, 1840; d. Jan. 21, 1843.

182. Henry Clark, b. June 10, 1843.

183. Laura Sophia, b. Dec. 13, 1845; m. Sept. 11, 1866, George D. Copley, now of New Britain, Conn., and had Carrie, and Annie L.

170. Charles C., son of Ichabod and Lucinda Noble, m. 1st, May 12, 1835, Harriet Curtis of Bridgeport. She died May 13, 1856. He m. 2d, May 26, 1864, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis of Bridgeport. He is a merchant tailor in New Milford village.

184. Russel Botsford; is a merchant tailor with his father in the firm of C. C. Noble & Son.

He has been town clerk several years, and is still; and has rendered great assistance in the preparation of this book.

185. Augusta Maria.

186. Caroline Curtis; m. June 21, 1865, George N. Canfield of N. M.; had Harriet Augusta,

Caroline Noble, Elizabeth Curtis, William Noble.

187. Charles Henry.

187½. Emma Cornelia.

188. William Nichols; a druggist in New Milford.

189. Harriet Lucinda.

190. Ella Frances.

171. Hiram B., son of Ezra and Amelia Noble, m. Jan. 23, 1839, Lucia Holman, b. in Kauai, Sandwich Islands; dau. of Doct. Thomas and Lucia Ruggles Holman. Hiram B. Noble was a shoe merchant in New Milford.

191. Henrietta Maria; m. William G. Brown, who now conducts the shoe business of her fa-

ther's estate. Ch.: Mary Gammell, Arthur Noble, and Elizabeth Ives.

173. George H., son of Ezra and Amelia Noble, m. Henrietta, dau. of Abel Burritt of New York city, Jan. 6, 1835. After a residence in New Haven, New York city, and Augusta, Ga., he returned to New Milford in 1842, and was associated with his brother, Hiram B., in the manufacture of boots. He was postmaster of New Milford, State bank commissioner, and assistant U. S. revenue assessor. He died Dec. 10, 1872. Ch.:

192. William Henry, b. Oct. 3, 1835; d. Aug. 8, 1836.

193. Edward Augustus, b. Jan. 25, 1835; d. Mar. 16, 1851.

194. George Burritt, b. Apr. 3, 1839; d. Mar. 3, 1843.

195. Alfred Henry, b. in N. Y.

196. George Belden, b. in N. M.

197. Elizabeth Burritt; d. Sep. 16, 1855.

177. Edward M., son of Chauncey and Caroline Noble, m. Polly Ann Beardsley, Oct. 9, 1848, and d. at his residence in New Milford, Mar. 31, 1853. Ch.: Caroline Minerva, d. æ. 22 months.

178. Andrew B., son of Chauncey and Caroline Noble, m. Sarah D. Blackman, Oct. 10, 1842. He enlisted in the Civil War, Aug. 25, 1862, for nine months, in Co. D, 28th Regt. C. V., and was honorably discharged Aug. 28, 1863. He is a farmer in New Milford.

198. Sarah Elizabeth; m. Mar. 29, 1860, Francis D. Marsh of N. M.; had Amy Maria and Frederic Blackman.

199. Sophia Jane; m. Henry E. Bennitt; m. 2d

Chas. W. Roraback; had Andrew Noble, Alice Augusta, Frank Wm., Flora Harriet.

200. Caroline Eliza; m. Oct. 10, 1874, Samuel Vincent of Sherman.

195. Alfred H., son of George H. and Henrietta Noble, m. Oct. 27, 1864, Eleanor Dey, dau. of Rev. Charles G. Acly. She d. Apr. 26, 1879. He is engaged with his brother George B., in the manufacture of buttons. Ch.:

Henrietta Elizabeth.

Edward Elting.

196. George B., son of George H. and Henrietta Noble, m. Caroline Louisa, dau. of Doct. James Hine, Dec. 19, 1878. He is engaged with his brother, as above, in New Milford village. Ch.:

Frank Belden.

Northrop, First Family.

1. NORTHROP, Joseph, united with the First Church in Milford, Ct.; Jan. 9, 1642, where he m. Mary, dau. of Francis Norton. Ch.:

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| 2. Joseph. | 6. Zopher. |
| 3. Samuel. | 7. Daniel. |
| 4. Jeremiah. | 8. William. |
| 5. John. | 9. Mary. |

3. Samuel, son of Joseph and Mary Northrop, m. Sarah ———. Ch.:

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| 10. Samuel. | 14. Hannah. |
| 11. Amos. | 15. Abigail. |
| 12. Joel. | 16. Margaret. |
| 13. Mary. | |

11. Amos, 1st, son of Samuel and Sarah Northrop, m. Mary Gunn, Jan. 6, 1713-14. It is said that he came to New Milford and died not long after, and that his widow m. a Mr. Peck, and removed to Brookfield, where his son Amos was brought up.

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| 17. Amos. | 19. Jane. |
| 18. Mary. | |

17. Amos, 2d, son of Amos and Mary Northrop, m. Anna, dau. of Solomon Baldwin, Dec. 16, 1741. She joined the First Church in N. M. in 1748, by letter from Amity (Woodbridge). He bought, June 30, 1743, of Job Terrill of N. M., for £1,600, 190 acres of land at what is now Park Lane, east side of the road, including seventeen and a half acres with a dwelling-house thereon, where he lived and died. Ch.:

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| 20. Amos, b. Dec. 19, 1742. | 24. Anna, b. Apr. 3, 1751; m. Nathaniel Taylor. |
| 21. Solomon, b. Aug. 3, 1744. | 25. Joel, b. July 27, 1753; was a physician in New Haven. |
| 22. David, b. July 27, 1746. | |
| 23. Lois, b. Sep. 17, 1748; m. Rev. Abner Benedict, Cong. minister; settled 1st in Broome Co., New York State; 3 sons. | |

20. Amos, 3d, son of Amos 2d and Mary Northrop, was graduated at Yale College in 1765; m. Anna, dau. of Capt. Thomas Grant of Litchfield, Dec. 7, 1768, and settled on a farm in Poplar street, about half a mile north of N. M. burying-place, on the west side of the road. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and contracted disease from which he d. Mar. 19, 1779, in his 37th year.

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| 26. Thomas, b. Jan. 5, 1771. | 28. Sally, b. June 28, 1776; d. Dec. 16, 1876, æ. 100 yrs., 5 mos., 18 da. (See Biog.) |
| 27. Amos, b. Oct. 11, 1772. | 29. Urania, b. Jan. 28, 1779; d. Apr. 11, 1788. |

21. Solomon, son of Amos 2d and Mary Northrop, m. Lois Mallery, Apr. 5, 1764.

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| 30. Polly, b. Dec. 14, 1765; m. Harmon Curtis. | 33. Allen; d. unm. |
| 31. "Billy," b. Nov. 27, 1767; went to sea, and died. | 34. Lois; m. Beebe Hine. |
| 32. Joel; went to Herkimer, N. Y. | 35. Anna; m. Reuben M. Booth. |

22. David, son of Amos 2d and Anna (Baldwin) Northrop, m. Rachel Grant, sister to Anne, wife of Amos Northrop 3d. She was b. Feb. 26, 1748. David Northrop lived on his father's homestead at Park Lane.

6. Friend Grant, b. Jan. 14, 1770.
 7. Betsey, b. Apr. 20, 1772; d. Mar. 31, 1782.
 8. John Wilks, b. Feb. 9, 1774.
 9. David, b. May 8, 1788; d. at sea in 1805.
 10. Solomon, b. May 22, 1780.†

41. Abner, b. Sep. 7, 1782.
 42. Nathaniel, b. July 9, 1784.
 43. Betsey, b. June 27, 1786; m. Isaac Sanford;
 had George, Harvey, Solomon, Maria.

38. *John W.*, son of David and Rachel Northrop, m. Anna McKachan in 1806.

4. Polly, b. Dec. 24, 1807; m. Marcus Clark from Monroe, Sep. 13, 1835.
 5. Orinda, b. Nov. 29, 1809; m. Joel B. Pratt of Kent; had Joel and Orinda.
 6. Rachel; m. Constantine Ferriss.
 7. Ann; m. Joseph Tomlinson; went to Iowa.
 8. Lois; m. Eli Sherman.
 9. John T.; m. — Soule of N. Y. State; resides in Canaan; had John, Lillia, Friend.

50. Charlotte; m. Edward Thompson; lives in Marlledale; had Russell.
 51. Isaac S.; m. Mary Bronson; resides on the old homestead in Park Lane; had Anna, Charlotte, Egbert, Arthur.
 52. Amos; m. Maria Smith; resides in Danbury; had Walter, Dacie, Henry.

Northrop, Second Family.

1. *NORTHROP, Thomas*,¹ of Newtown, Conn., m. — Terrill, and resided at Newtown until the children were grown and settled. His wife d. at that place, but he afterwards resided with his son in New Milford.

9. Thomas; d. in Sherman, leaving a family.
 10. Isaac; m.
 11. Sariah; d. at Newtown, æ. 96.

42. Abraham; d. in Sherman, æ. 91.
 43. Joel, b. Mar. 16, 1742.

40. *Isaac*, son of Thomas Northrop, m. Lydia, dau. of Elder Elihu Marsh. He d. at the age of 77. They had a daughter, Mrs. Waldo, who d. at Chatham, N. Y., in 1868, aged 92 years.

43. *Joel*, son of Thomas Northrop, m. Eunice, dau. of Elder Elihu Marsh. He learned the cooper's trade, then the tailor's trade. He united first with First Church in N. M., then with the Separates. He was very religious, a great reader, and accumulated a comfortable property. He resided after marriage first in Newtown, then, about 1784, removed to Brookfield, then came to N. M., where he died Mar. 10, 1824, æ. 82. His wife Eunice was a noted housekeeper; and had at her marriage, when 28 years of age, 100 pounds of money of her own earnings. The grace of good housekeeping has descended in the family, since New Milford village has several elegant samples in her granddaughters. His wife Eunice died May 1, 1811, æ. 67.

14. Cyrus, b. Dec. 8, 1773, at N. M.
 15. Anne, b. May 20, 1775; m. Elijah Stone of Kent.
 16. Abby, b. Dec. 1, 1776; d. Dec. 10, 1776.
 17. Clara, b. May 28, 1778; m. Calvin Harmon of

- Vt. She left one dau., Lucretia, who m. Royal Canfield of N. M.
 48. Electa, b. Oct. 20, 1780; d. Dec. 25, 1858, unm.

44. *Cyrus*, son of Joel and Eunice Northrop, m. Betsey, dau. of Philip Wells, July 27, 1796. Betsey, his wife, died May 19, 1833, æ. 56. Cyrus Northrop died Apr. 25, 1869, æ. 95 years. He was a farmer and highly esteemed and honored citizen. Ch.:

49. Caroline, b. July 27, 1797; m. Wm. Mygatt.
 50. Abby Sariah, b. Oct. 15, 1799; d. July 2, 1818.
 51. Joel Wells, b. Sept. 3, 1801.
 52. Emily Eunice, b. Oct. 7, 1803; m. Benjamin E. Bostwick.
 53. Clara, b. Nov. 12, 1805; d. Sept. 6, 1808.
 54. Sarah, b. Nov. 9, 1807; m. Col. Wm. J. Starr.

55. Clara Elizabeth, b. Feb. 21, 1810; d. Feb. 15, 1815.
 56. Jane Ann, b. Nov. 26, 1811; d. Jan. 15, 1829.
 57. Sophia, b. Apr. 29, 1814; m. Eli Mygatt, Jr.
 58. Catharine, b. Jan. 13, 1819; m. James Hine, M.D.

¹ MS. of Mrs. Doct. Hine of New Milford.

51. Joel W., son of Cyrus and Betsey Northrop, m. Catharine, dau. of Col. Samuel Canfield, Aug. 28, 1831.

59. Samuel Canfield, b. May 16, 1833.

61. Cyrus, b. May 26, 1838.

60. Lawrence, b. Jan. 29, 1735.

59. Samuel C., son of Joel W. and Catharine Northrop, m. Carrie Bassett, June 29, 1869.

62. Catharine Canfield.

60. Lawrence, son of Joel W. and Catharine Northrop, m. Mary Drake, Sept. 24, 1870. Ch.:

63. Caroline Canfield.

64. James Lawrence.

61. Cyrus, son of Joel W. and Catharine Northrop, m. (Sept. 24) Apr. 8, 1860, Ruth Peabody of Columbus, Ga.

65. John Mygatt.

67. William Noble.

66. Katie Low.

Northrop, Third Family.

1. NORTHROP, Isaac, born in 1802, the son of David of Sherman, Conn., m. Huldah Stevens, Nov. 24, 1825. He bought two farms on the Danbury road, south of Lanesville; one a part of the old Olmstead place, on which he resided ten years. He then built a dwelling on his other farm, a little north, bought of Daniel Leach, on which he resided until his death, Jan. 16, 1868, æ. 66. On this homestead his widow and son Isaac still reside.

2. Betsey A., b. Apr. 30, 1827; d. Sept. 4, 1829.

3. David, b. Apr. 11, 1830; m.

4. Levi S., b. Feb. 6, 1833; d. Aug. 11, 1854.

5. Addie, b. Mar. 17, 1837; m. Frederick M. Berry of Sherman, Conn. A few months after marriage, when ready to begin life in their own house in Sherman, he became ill with fever; she went and took care of him

until he recovered; then came home, but became ill with the fever and died Nov. 1, 1860. The next spring he enlisted in the war—went as Lieutenant; was soon promoted to be Captain; was wounded in the battle of Winchester, and died Sept. 29, 1864.

6. Isaac A., b. Mar. 20, 1844.

3. David, son of Isaac, Sen., and Huldah Northrop, m. Cornelia, dau. of Harmon Buckingham, Nov. 14, 1855. He is a farmer on the plains below Lanesville. In June, 1882, his barns and out-buildings, in the most complete repair, with all equipments, were burned, including the meat market and all the accompanying fixtures of his son, who conducted the butchering and marketing business.

6. Levi Edward; conducts a meat market.

8. Alice.

7. Addie; m. Frank Briggs of Gaylordsville, in November, 1881.

OLMSTED, David, m. Sarah Waller, Feb. 7, 1774. They lived on the plains below Lanesville.

1. Lois, b. Oct. 24, 1774.

2. Mary, b. Dec. 9, 1776, in Kent.

3. Sarah, b. Oct. 29, 1778.

4. Asa, b. Aug. 8, 1780.

5. Esther, b. June 30, 1783.

6. Amarillis, b. Apr. 26, 1789.

7. Adolphus, b. Oct. 12, 1795.

8. Catharine, b. June 30, 1799.

OVIATT, Thomas, Sen., and wife Lydia, came from Milford to New Milford in 1723. He d. Jan. 13, 1740-41. Lydia, his widow, d. July 4, 1742.

1. Francis; m. Eleazer Beecher.

2. Thomas.

3. Joseph.

4. Giles.

5. Benjamin.

6. Abigail; m. Daniel Prindle.

2. Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas Oviat, Sen., m. Margaret Brownson, Jan. 18, 1732-3. He came with his father, probably, in 1723 to New Milford.

7. Isaac, b. Sep. 29, 1734.

8. Thomas, b. Sep. 29, 1736.

9. Lydia, b. July 31, 1739; d. Jan. 23, 1760.

10. Margaret, b. June 29, 1742; m. Edward Edwards.

11. Sibyl, b. June 13, 1744.

12. Joseph, b. July 22, 1746.

13. Anne, b. Jan. 17, 1749-50.

14. Lois, b. Feb. 25, 1752.

15. Israel, b. Dec. 20, 1755.

3. *Joseph*, son of Thomas and Lydia Oviatt, m. Martha Elliot of the "Ob-long or Worstershire," N. Y., May 12, 1740. He d. Mar. 2, 1741-2.

16. Abigail, b. Apr. 16, 1741.

4. *Giles*, son of Thomas Oviatt, m. Elizabeth —.

17. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1742-3.

18. Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1744.

5. *Benjamin*, son of Thomas Oviatt, m. Frances Warner, Apr. 17, 1744.

19. Amy, b. Mar. 11, 1745-6.

23. Benjamin, } b. May 30, 1760.

20. Frances, b. Feb. 2, 1747-8.

24. Ebenezer, }

21. Japheth, b. Sep. 29, 17—.

25. Tamar, b. May 8, 1762.

22. Naomi, b. Feb. 1, 1757.

7. *Isaac*, son of Thomas, Jr., and Margaret Oviatt, m. "Easter" —.

26. "Easter," b. Mar. 18, 1776.

8. *Thomas, 3d.* son of Thomas and Margaret Oviatt, m. Elizabeth Botsford, Jan. 26, 1769.

27. Lydia, b. Nov. 22, 1772.

29. Joseph, b. July 3, 1777.

28. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 13, 1775.

30. Thomas, b. Nov. 4, 1781.

1. *Oviatt, John*, and wife Abigail.

2. Huldah, b. Apr. 22, 1759; m. Edward H. Paine.

4. Sarah, b. May 4, 1764; d. Apr. 6, 1766.

3. Annis, b. Dec. 4, 1761.

5. John, b. Feb. 7, 1767.

6. Tamar, b. Oct. 31, 1774.

PALMER, Rev. Solomon, m. Lois Hitchcock, May, 1758.

1. Huldah, b. Dec. 29, 1760.

5. Tamar, b. July 5, 1771.

2. Chilliab, b. Jan. 10, 1763.

6. Solomon, b. June 10, 1775.

3. Abigail, b. May 15, 1765.

7. Sarah, b. Aug. 6, 1778.

4. Milo, b. Apr. 23, 1767.

8. Benjamin Curtis, b. July 2, 1782.

Palmer, Ichabod Betts, said to have been son of the above (?), m. Anna Noble, Sep. 23, 1759.

1. Chloe, b. Nov. 1, 1760; d. Jan. 14, 1762.

5. Matilda, b. Aug. 1, 1769; m. Wolcott Dunning.

2. Rufus, b. Apr. 30, 1762; d. Nov. 24, 1772.

6. Hannah, b. July 13, 1772; d. Sep., 1772.

3. Ammi, b. Aug., 1764; m. Leah Gray; removed to Mansfield, Ohio.

7. Thomas Noble, b. Oct. 16, 1773; d. Sep. 30, 1775.

4. Tamar, b. May 12, 1767; m. June 9, 1785, Isaac Hawley, and d. in 1803, in Brookfield, Conn.

PARTRIDGE, Perez, and wife Naomi.

1. Benjamin, b. Nov. 30, 1769.

3. Grover, b. June 5, 1777.

2. Sarah, b. Apr. 10, 1773.

PAYNE, Benjamin, m. Lucy Knapp of Danbury, Apr. 13, 1791.

1. Son, b. Jan. 19, 1792; d. Feb. 16, 1792.

5. Lucy Knapp, b. Dec. 14, 1798.

2. Abigail Benedict, b. Apr. 3, 1793.

6. Benjamin Franklin, b. Dec. 29, 1800.

3. Sally Hubbell, b. Apr. 19, 1795.

7. Elizabeth Beardsley, b. Feb. 16, 1803.

4. Hiram Marsh, b. Sep. 6, 1797.

Payne, Arnold, of Kent, m. 1st, Fannie Thompson; 2d, Phebe, dau. of Ephraim Brown, in 1860. He came to New Milford in 1862, and has kept a store until the present time.

Lewis.

Charles; m. Minnie Platt in 1879; had Howard and Alecia.

Myron; m. Carrie E. Platt of Medway, Mass., Jan. 14, 1880; had Mildred.

PEPPER, Egbert, a native of Sherman, Ct., m. Bessie, dau. of Charles G. Hoyt, Aug. 13, 1850. They reside at Lanesville.

1. *PHIELPS, William*, was in the French war before 1760, and settled in New Milford at what was then the South Farms, where he m. Anna, dau. of Capt. Joseph Ruggles, Nov. 6, 1765. He was also a Lieutenant in the Revolution,

during which two of his children died, there being scarcely men enough at home at the time to attend to the burials. He died Apr. 20, 1816. His widow Anna died Aug. 15, 1840.

2. "Reumah," b. May 31, 1766; d. young.
4. Polly, b. Aug. 25, 1770; d. young.
3. William Rathburn, b. Mar. 29, 1769.

3. **William R.**, son of William and Anna Phelps, m. Tamar, dau. of Abel Canfield, 1st, June 2, 1793; residence in N. M.

5. Joseph Ruggles, b. Feb. 23, 1794; m. Alta O. Fairchild Feb. 9, 1820; had Erastus, Lucy A., Emily, John, James, Richard.
10. Caroline, b. July 21, 1804; m. Wm. Wright of Fishkill; had George P., Rebecca A., William, Emily, Caroline.
6. Rebecca, b. Oct. 24, 1795; d. Sep. 15, 1798.
11. William C., b. Apr. 4, 1806; m. Theresa Garlick; had Oliver, Frederick, Caroline, Sarah, William. He died in Mexico.
7. Anna, b. June 10, 1797; d. Dec. 6, 1801.
8. Elijah Beardsley, b. July 21, 1799.
9. Rebecca Anna, b. Apr. 7, 1803; living in N. M.

8. **Elijah B.**, son of Wm. R. and Tamar Phelps, taught school at Fishkill, where he m. one of his scholars, Wealthy Lawrence, Dec. 30, 1821; residence in N. Y. State.

12. Sarah; m. Isaac J. Sutherland; had Fred.
16. Charles W.; m., resides in Ill.
13. Ann Eliza; m. Nicholas McArthur of N. Y.; had Jemima, George, Fred.
17. Chauncey; m., resides in Amherst, Mass.
14. Wm. Rathburn; m. Hattie Atkins, and settled in Ill.
18. John W.; a soldier in the late war, and died.
15. Robert W.; m., lives in Clinton, Mass.
19. Tamar Ann; m. ——— Bailey in Ill.
20. Mary E.; m. ——— Atkins in Ill.

PIIPPENY, James, m. Rosannah Brownson, Sep. 16, 1772.

1. Joel, b. Aug. 7, 1773.
4. Peter, b. Jan. 31, 1779.
2. Abigail, b. Jan. 29, 1775.
5. Clotilda, b. Aug. 6, 1782.
3. Esther, b. Mar. 27, 1777.

PIERCE, Jonathan, m. Rachel Buck, Sep. 11, 1729. She may have been sister of Enoch Buck. He died Oct. 25, 1765.

1. Freelove, b. Nov. 26, 1730.
3. Jonathan, b. Aug. 5, 1738.
2. Rachel, b. Aug. 21, 1734.
4. Lydia, b. Mar. 26, 1744.

3. **Jonathan, 2d**, son of Jonathan and Rachel Pierce, m. Sarah Richmond of Litchfield, Oct. 4, 1764.

5. Silas, b. July 18, 1765.
7. Orange, b. Apr. 30, 1771.
6. Rachel, b. Dec. 17, 1767.
8. Azel, b. Dec. 14, 1772.

1. **PICKETT, Doct. Thomas**, came from Danbury, and m. Mrs. Miriam Mallery Dec. 13, 1716. She was the widow of Caleb Mallery. He died June 17, 1774, in his 86th year. His widow Miriam died June 23, 1776.

2. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 20, 1717.†
5. Hannah, b. Mar. 26, 1728; m. Daniel Sole Feb., 1749.
3. Daniel, b. Aug. 23, 1719.†
4. Benjamin, b. Oct. 2, 1724; settled in Sherman.

2. **Ebenezer**, son of Thomas and Miriam Pickett, m. Parnel Bostwick May 8, 1748.

6. Eldad, b. Aug. 14, 1748.
11. Parnel, b. Oct. 14, 1758.
7. Huldah, b. July 24, 1750; d. Apr. 29, 1770.
12. Philene, b. Jan. 19, 1761.
8. Medad, b. Nov. 20, 1752.
13. Thomas, b. May 21, 1763.
9. Abijah, b. Oct. 13, 1754.
14. Matilda, b. Apr. 30, 1767.
10. Miriam, b. July 10, 1756.

3. **Daniel**, son of Thomas and Miriam Pickett, m. Margaret Beardsley in Stratfield, Sep. 16, 1741. He d. Dec. 14, 1794. His widow Margaret d. Sep. 21, 1795.

15. Daniel, b. Apr. 17, 1742.
16. Molly, b. Mar. 9, 1745.

Pickett, Ebenezer, Jr., probably son of Ebenezer and Parnel Pickett (but is not in the record); m. Zerua "Tomlins" (son) June 9, 1767.

15. Sarah, b. Jan. 10, 1768.
16. Philo, b. Aug. 2, 1769.

Daniel, 2d, son of Daniel and Margaret Pickett, m. Sarah Comstock Nov. 5, 1767.

17. Anson Daniel, b. Sep. 19, 1768.

18. Daniel Anson, b. Jan. 22, 1769. ?

18. Daniel A., son of Daniel 2d and Sarah Pickett, m. 1st, ———; 2d, Betsey Seelye of Sherman, Oct. 26, 1813.

19. Oliver W.; unm.

21. Asa; m. ———; had only one child, which d. early.

20. Albert, son of Daniel A. and ——— Pickett, m. Mary Rebecca Roberts Jan. 6, 1825, who died Oct. 12, 1866. He died Feb. 4, 1872.

22. James Andrew, b. Mar. 9, 1829.

23. Jane Anna, b. Nov. 17, 1832; m. John Noble Treadwell Nov. 18, 1868; had Mary Roberts.

22. James A., son of Albert and Mary R. Pickett, m. Caroline E. Stanley of New Britain Sep. 9, 1857. She died at Bermuda Apr. 11, 1877. He m. 2d, Emma C. Lawrence, Nov. 9, 1878. Resides in New Britain. Ch.:

24. Anna M.

PORTER, Philo, of New Milford, m. Lois, dau. of Simeon Baldwin, and she died in New Milford June 15, 1849.¹

Nancy; m. John McGraw of Roxbury.

Marcia; m. David Fitch of Boardman, O.

Mary; m. Hutchinson; removed to O.

Clarissa; m. James Ragan of Youngstown, O.

Betsey Ann, b. 1800; m. Minor Morehouse of N.

M., Dec. 5, 1823.

Menander; m. Cara Sanford, sister of Joel, of Bridgewater; both d.; had Legrand, who m.; Alphonso, d. leaving one ch.; Samantha, m. Stephen Saxton of Westport, Conn., and had William Henry.

Amanda; d. unm. in Boardman, O.

POWERS, William C., m. Polly Ward, both of Middletown, Nov. 21, 1803.

1. Emeline, b. Apr. 24, 1805.

3. William Martin, b. Jan. 20, 1810.

2. William, b. Mar. 2, 1808; d. Nov. 8, 1818.

4. Lucy Ann, b. May 4, 1812.

PRATT, John, m. Rebecca ———.

1. David, b. Dec. 30, 1749.

4. Mahitable, b. Nov. 14, 1757.

2. Abigail, b. Aug. 20, 1752.

5. Elijah, b. Feb. 17, 1760.

3. Rebecca; b. May 7, 1755.

Pratt, Lewis E., son of Edward C. Pratt of New Haven; resides in New Milford. Lizzie A. Pratt, sister of Lewis E., resides in New Milford.

PRIME, Dea. James, from Milford, with wife Anna, came to New Milford in 1716, and made his home at Park Lane. (See page 67.)

1. William.

4. Anna, b. June 11, 1723.

2. Martha, b. July 19, 1719; m. Gideon Noble. (?)

5. Mabel, b. Apr. 23, 1735.

3. James, b. Mar. 15, 1720-21.

1. William, son of Dea. James and Anna Prime, m. Sarah, dau. of Henry Garlick, Oct. 31, 1730, by Rev. John Beach of Newtown.

6. James, b. Aug. 25, 1740.

9. Sarah, b. Dec. 3, 1749; m. Josiah Smith, Jr.

7. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 6, 1742-3.

10. Asa, b. July 15, 1753.

8. Amos, b. Oct. 30, 1744.

10. Asa, son of William and Sarah Prime, m. Phebe "Ressique" June 25, 1777.

11. William, b. June 7, 1778.

13. Jane, b. Nov. 11, 1782; m. Samuel Treadwell.

12. Phebe, b. May 4, 1781.

14. Asa, b. Nov. 16, 1791.

PRINCE, Edward Howell, m. Huldah Oviatt, Feb. 4, 1779; and resided in the valley between Town Hill and Second Hill.

Charlotte, b. Dec. 10, 1781.

Huldah, b. May 23, 1790.

Noble, b. Sept. 15, 1784.

Czar, b. Aug. 5, 1792.

Electa, b. Oct. 23, 1787; d. Feb. 7, 1793.

Jervis, b. Dec. 8, 1794.

¹ Baldwin Genealogy, 127.

PRINDLE, Samuel, and wife Dorothy, settled in New Milford before 1712. He m. 2d, Sarah Chapman, Mar. 31, 1747. (See page 28.) He d. Sept. 29, 1750.

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| 1. Elizabeth, bapt. in 1720; m. Wm. Hutchings. | 7. Abigail, b. Dec. 30, 1711; m. Abraham Gillett. |
| 2. Samuel, bapt. March, 1720. | 8. Mary, b. Nov. 14, 1713. |
| 3. John, bapt. March, 1720. | 9. Obedience, b. May 13, 1716; m. Elkana Bobit, Jan. 20, 1736-7. |
| 4. Sarah, { twins, b. Jan. 19, 1707. | |
| 5. Dorothy, } | |
| 6. Daniel, bapt. March, 1720. | |

2. Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Dorothy Prindle, m. 1st, Sarah Phippeny of Stratford, Jan. 6, 1740-1. She d. Jan. 27, 1743-4. He m. 2d, widow Abigail (Mead) Skinner of Sharon, Sept. 12, 1744. Ch.:

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| 10. Abigail, b. July 20, 1745, in Sharon. | 11. Samuel, b. Mar. 19, 1747, in N. M. |
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3. John, son of Samuel and Dorothy Prindle, m. Martha Prime, Feb. 5, 1730.

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| 12. Joseph, b. Dec. 16, 1730. | 14. Mark, b. Mar. 9, 1733-4; his name was changed to Gideon, Feb., 1739-40. |
| 13. Gomaris, b. Apr. 30, 1732. | |

6. Daniel, son of Samuel and Dorothy Prindle, m. 1st, Abigail Oviatt, Jan. 13, 1732-3. He m. 2d, Phebe Fed, Oct. 4, 1737.

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| 15. Aaron, b. Nov. 7, 1733. | 18. David, b. Jan. 19, 1742-3. |
| 16. Phebe, b. Dec. 31, 1738. | 19. Rachel, b. Dec. 30, 1744. |
| 17. Hannah, b. Feb. 26, 1740-1. | 20. Elizabeth, b. June 16, 1747. |

11. Samuel, 3d, son of Samuel, Jr., and Abigail Prindle, m. Hannah Hamlin of Sharon, June 8, 1768.

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| 21. Leander, b. Mar. 7, 1769. | Samuel, b. May 15, 1771. |
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14. Gideon, son of John and Martha Prindle, m. Lettice Towner, Apr. 11, 1753.

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| 22. Martha, b. Apr. 17, 1754. | 23. John, b. Apr. 27, 1756. |
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PROUT, Sherman, m. Assenath Scofield of Kent, Nov. 28, 1796.

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| 1. Maria, b. Feb. 10, 1799; d. May 2, 1799. | 2. Maria, b. Jan. 25, 1801. |
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RANDALL, Jeremiah, from England, with his brothers, settled in Greenwich, Conn. Some of the family settled on Randall's Island, N. Y.

Jeremiah Randall (the name spelled Rundle), then of Greenwich, bought land, dwelling-house, and barn in Bridgewater, of James Lockwood, for £130, June 19, 1778; "land lying on both sides of the highway leading to John Treat's," and soon after settled upon it.

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| 1. Jeremiah J., b. 1755.+ | 3. Charles, b. May 5, 1764. |
| 2. Timothy, b. 1756.+ | 4. Richard, b. Aug. 25, 1770. |

1. Jeremiah J., son of Jeremiah Randall, m. Annie Jessup, who d. Feb. 12, 1835, aged 81 years. He d. Nov. 7, 1808, aged 53 years.

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| 5. Sally; m. John H. Treat. | 7. Polly, b. Jan. 20, 1790; m. Benjamin Beach, Apr. 23, 1807; d. July 3, 1828, æ. 38. |
| 6. Annie; m. Daniel Keeler; d. Dec. 19, 1866, æ. 89. | 8. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 20, 1782.+ |
| | 9. Jonathan J., b. |

Timothy, son of Jeremiah Randall, m. Eunice Smith of Ridgefield, who died June 19, 1861, aged 98. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

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| 10. John, b. Feb. 21, 1791. | 15. Epenetus. |
| 11. Polly; m. Daniel Gorman. | 16. Samuel B.; d. in Mich. |
| 12. Hetsey; m. M. Weeks. | 17. Allen R.; resides in Brookfield. |
| 13. Sally; m. M. Fairchild. | 18. Ezra; d. in Albany. |
| 14. Smith; m. Miss Booth. | |

3. Charles, son of Jeremiah Randall.

19. Nancy, b. July 3, 1785; m. Amasa Canfield, Sept. 12, 1804.
 20. Lucretia, b. May 30, 1787; m. Eli N. Smith, Dec. 24, 1807.
 21. Bradley, b. Dec. 20, 1788; d. in N. J.
 22. Richard, b. Sept. 14, 1790.
 23. Jeremiah, b. Oct. 10, 1792.
 24. Charles, b. May 24, 1795.
 25. Hannah, b. June 2, 1796; m. Almon Treat.
 26. M. D. La Fayette, b. Aug. 4, 1798.
 27. Charles H., b. July 23, 1800; d. in Georgia.
 28. Harriet, b. July 23, 1800; m. Joseph Heburn.
 29. William C., b. Mar. 16, 1805; d. in Mich.

4. Richard, son of Jeremiah Randall, m. Esther Sanford. He d. in Bridge-water, Aug. 16, 1854.

30. Charles A., b. Apr. 18, 1798; m. Sophia P. McMahon, Oct. 27, 1825, and d. in New Milford, Mar. 2, 1826. He was a practicing physician in N. M.
 31. Henry L., b. Feb. 3, 1804.
 32. Isaac N., b. Jan. 25, 1800; d. unm.
 33. Mary Ann J., b. Dec. 7, 1806; m. Sherman Ferry of Bethel, Oct. 28, 1828; had Frances, Helen, and Richard R..
 34. Asa Sanford, b. Oct. 11, 1811; d. July 26, 1836.

8. Nathaniel, son of Jeremiah J. and Annie Randall, m. and had children.

35. Lorenzo, b. June 28, 1807; d. Nov. 5, 1832.
 36. Jerome, b. July 8, 1811.
 37. Jacintha J., b. Oct. 15, 1808; m. Frederick Boland.
 38. Emeline E., b. Sept. 4, 1813; m. Daniel L. Booth.
 39. Henry W., b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. Ann Tomlinson.

9. Jonathan J., son of Jeremiah J. and Annie Randall, m. and had children.

40. Jeremiah G., b. Aug. 23, 1815; m. Abigail Mead.
 41. Phineas B., b. Sept. 24, 1817; m. Flora Mead.
 42. Rachel S., b. Aug. 21, 1819; d. June 3, 1823.
 43. Sally J., b. Sept. 21, 1825; m. Jonah Davidson.
 44. William W., b. Dec. 3, 1823; m. Julia Bostwick.
 45. Rachel S., b. Oct. 18, 1829; m. John Minor.
 46. Charles, b. Mar. 8, 1834; m. Elizabeth Rugles.
 47. Edward, b. Aug. 18, 1835; m. Eda Eliza Bishop.

10. John, son of Timothy and Eunice Randall, m. Laura Beach, Oct. 18, 1812. He d. June 12, 1866, æ. 75. She was b. Aug. 25, 1791, and d. Aug. 27, 1878, æ. 87.

48. Caroline, b. Feb. 14, 1814; m. Daniel Bradshaw.
 49. Almon C., b. Sept. 21, 1817; m. Minerva Northrop.
 50. Almira, b. Apr. 27, 1820; m. Oliver Phippeny.
 51. Flora, b. June 25, 1826; m. Alonzo Barnum.
 52. Amelia E., b. June 13, 1831; m. Walter C. Peck.

31. Henry L., son of Richard and Esther Randall, m. Delia Beers of Newtown, Oct. 5, 1825. He d. in Roxbury, Feb. 7, 1860. He was a hat manufacturer and farmer. Ch.:

53. Mary H.; m. Philip W. Wells.
 54. Henry; m. Elizabeth Prindle.
 55. Celia A.; m. Leverett S. Castle.
 56. Charles.
 57. Ophelia; m. Wm. Camp, M.D.

40. Jeremiah G., son of Jonathan J. Randall.

58. Flora; m. Geo. Young.
 59. Ellen; m. Silas Keeler.
 60. Richard; m. Laura Wooster.
 61. Sarah C.; m. Grant Northrop.
 62. John W.; m. Helen Beach.
 63. Alice.

47. Edward, son of Jonathan J. Randall.

64. Lina.
 65. Leslie.
 66. Julie.

56. Charles, son of Henry L. and Delia Randall, m. Maria E. Ferry.

67. Legrand Starr.
 68. Clark Ferry.
 69. Henry L. Roy.
 70. A son; d. young.
 71. Orris Ferry.
 72. Charlotte; d. young.
 73. Charles; d. young.
 74. Theodore; d. young.
 75. Sarah Esther; d. young.

69. *Henry L. R.*, son of Charles and Maria E. Randall, m. Alice L. Couch of Norwalk.

76. Alice Neville.

REED, Asa, m. Mary Ann Murry, Apr. 20, 1784.

1. Joseph Jonathan, b. Oct. 13, 1784.
2. Esther, b. Jan. 6, 1787.

RICH, Jonathan, and Abigail his wife.

1. Abigail, b. Apr. 27, 1750.
2. Bersheba, b. Feb. 13, 1752.
3. Jonathan, b. Feb. 20, 1754.
4. David, b. Mar. 29, 1756.
5. Samuel, b. May 24, 1758.
6. Elizabeth, b. June 29, 1760.
7. Mchitable, b. May 30, 1762.
8. James, b. Aug. 20, 1764.
9. Lois, b. Aug. 18, 1766.
10. Zeruia, b. Aug. 28, 1768.

1. *ROBERTS, Eli*, came from Cheshire, New Haven Co., Ct., to New Milford, and settled on a farm about one mile east of New Milford village. He and his wife brought letters from the church in Cheshire, and united with the Congregational Church in N. M., Nov. 11, 1750. "Mr. Eli Roburds died Sep. 25, 1754."

2. Peter.
3. Benjamin.
4. Eli.
5. Lydia; m. James Bradshaw.
6. Ann; m. Isaac Moss.
7. Eunice; m. Simeon Chandler.
8. Tabitha; m. Oliver Canfield.
9. Susanna; m. Deliverance Wakelee, Dec. 8, 1768.
10. Mary; not m.

2. *Peter*, son of Eli, m. Mary —. She brought a letter of church membership from Cheshire, in 1755.

11. Matthew, bapt. Sep. 28, 1755.
12. Elizabeth, b. Sep. 15, 1752; d. Aug. 15, 1753.
13. Samuel, b. Sep. 30, 1754.
14. Ann, bapt. Sept. 27, 1755.
15. Eliakim, b. Dec. 6, 1761.

3. *Benjamin*, son of Eli, m. Ann Bostwick, Nov. 15, 1756. He was chosen constable in N. M. Dec. 1751, and was quite active thereafter in town offices and interests. His real estate transactions were quite numerous.

15. Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1757; m. Abraham Peet, Mar. 16, 1775.
16. Abraham, b. Oct. 7, 1759.
17. John, b. Mar. 30, 1762.
18. Benjamin, b. June 21, 1765; d. Jan. 5, 1771.
19. Eli, b. June 28, 1769; removed to Vermont, and after some years, he removed to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

4. *Eli, 2d*, son of Eli Roberts, m. Abigail Durand of Derby, May 31, 1763.

20. Durand, b. Feb. 17, 1764.
21. Adrian, b. Mar. 29, 1767.

16. *Abraham*, son of Benjamin, had the following children, and possibly others:

22. Mary; m. Minor Treadwell, and d. in Franklin, N. Y.
23. Benjamin.
24. Asahel B.
25. Eli.

17. *John*, son of Benjamin and Ann Roberts, m. Jane Camp, Jan. 1, 1788. She was born Nov. 14, 1764, and d. Jan. 26, 1812. He m. 2d, widow Sally Bunnell, July 3, 1816. He was a farmer and carpenter builder, and resided on his father's and grandfather's homestead on Second Hill, east of the village. He built many of the older houses now standing in the village. He d. June 24, 1836.

26. Ann, b. Nov. 16, 1788; m. John Ryder in 1880; lived in Danbury, where she d. Feb. 25, 1844.
27. Garradus, b. June 16, 1790.
28. Lyman, b. Feb. 15, 1792; m. Eliza Stone in 1823; resided in Kent, where he d. Oct. 24, 1847.
29. Hannah, b. Jan. 1, 1794; m. Lyman Hine, in 1815.
30. William, b. Oct. 25, 1796; m.
31. Jennett, b. Dec. 16, 1798; Edward B. Force, a manufacturer in N. J., in 1843; d. Dec. 28, 1880, in N. M.
32. Abraham N., b. July 8, 1801; m.
33. Eliza, b. Oct. 6, 1803; m. Levi S. Knapp.
34. Mary, b. Aug. 12, 1806; m. Albert Pickett.

19. Eli, son of Benjamin and Ann Roberts, m. Jerusha Booth, June 21, 1820. He removed to Vermont, and after some years, to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

35. Susan Maria, b. Mar. 15, 1821.

36. Josiah Cornelius, b. Dec. 3, 1823.

23. Benjamin, son of Abraham Roberts, m. Hannah Downs, Oct. 12, 1812.

37. Daughter, b. Aug. 1, 1813; d.

47. Annis, b. Oct. 30, 1821.

38. Hannah H., b. Mar. 26, 1817.

27. Dea. Gerardus, son of John and Jane Roberts, m. Charlotte, dau. of Daniel Lines, July 25, 1832. He was a farmer on the homestead of his father on Second Hill nearly all his life, except a few years he was engaged with his brother, Wm. Roberts, in the mills at Gaylordsville. Near the close of life he built a house in N. M. village, and resided in it until his decease, Apr. 14, 1861. He was Colonel of the militia, and was known largely by the name of Colonel Roberts.

40. Jennette; was graduated at Mt. Holyoke Sem-

41. William J., b. May 1, 1836.

inary; was a teacher in a Ladies' Seminary

42. Emily.

at Willoughby, Ohio, and d. Sep. 9, 1854,

43. Sarah Jane.

20. 21 years.

30. William, son of John and Jane Roberts, m. Eliza Gaylord, Oct. 25, 1820.

44. William J., b. June 4, 1821; was drowned at Gaylordsville; went over the mill-dam; and his remains were found four months after.

46. Henry, b. Feb. 15, 1827; m. 1st, Helen Abels, and had son George. She d., and he m. 2d, Sarah Jane Hepburn, and had William and Flora.

45. John, b. Dec. 19, 1824; was graduated at Union College the last of July, 1850; returned home, and was taken ill with typhoid fever, and d. Sep. 30, 1850.

47. Earl, b. Oct. 17, 1832; d. "with the black canker," July 29, 1841.

48. Orrin, b. May 14, 1837; lives with his father.

32. Abraham, son of John and Jane Roberts, m. Ann Maria Merwin of Newtown, and resided in the northern part of Northville.

49. Henry Merwin; d. in the war in 1862.

52. Jane; m. John Williams.

50. Mary; m.

53. Eliza.

51. Andrew; d. in late war, in 1862.

41. Capt. William J., son of Gerardus and Charlotte Roberts, was graduated at Yale College in 1859; m. Ann Eliza Horton of Hartford, Ct. He went in the war of the late Rebellion, as Lieutenant; was promoted to be Captain; contracted lung disease by exposure; returned home and continued his law studies in the office of Judge D. C. Sanford, and was admitted to the bar; but his health continued to fail, and he died June 30, 1870.

54. Caroline Eliza.

ROGERS, Ambrose S., son of Noah Rogers of Cornwall; m. 1st, Cornelia Hamlin of Sharon, dau. of Dea. Benjamin. She d., and he m. 2d, Miss Ellen T., dau. of Hon. N. F. Thompson of New Haven. (See pages 481-2.)

1. Clarence Thompson.

2. Juliette Wallace.

1. RUGGLES, John, a native of Nasing, Essex Co., England, with his wife Barbarie, came to the New World in the year 1634, in the same ship with Eliot, the missionary to the Indians. They, having one child two years old, named John, settled in Roxbury, Mass.

3. Rev. Benjamin Ruggles, of Suffield was the son of this 2d John, and was graduated honorably at Cambridge when only seventeen years of age, in 1693; ordained in Suffield Apr. 26, 1698, and died there Sept. 5, 1808, æ. 32 years.¹ He had wife Mercy, who d. six days after the birth of her dau. Tryphena. Ch.:

4. Mary.

8. Ruth.

5. Benjamin.

9. Aphia.

6. Joseph.†

10. Tryphena.

7. Abigail.

¹ 150th anniversary of the decease of the Rev. Benj. Ruggles at Suffield.

6. Capt. Joseph, son of Benjamin and Mercy Ruggles, went to New Haven, and m. there Rachel Tolls, Nov. 15, 1722, and there the births of five of his children were recorded. In 1733 he came to New Milford, and became a partner in the Iron Works at Halfway Falls, now in Brookfield, and bought a large tract of land. He died in Brookfield in 1791, æ. 90 years, having been deacon some years of the Separate Cong. Church of New Haven, and also deacon of the Cong. Church in Brookfield. (See p. 195.) Ch.:

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| 11. Sarah, b. Sep. 25, 1723; m. David Smith. | 19. Timothy.† |
| 12. Benjamin, b. Aug. 18, 1725. | 20. Ashbel. |
| 13. Lois, b. Apr. 2, 1727; m. Oliver Warner. | 21. Lucy; m. Jonathan Starr. |
| 14. Joseph, b. Feb. 25, 1729.† | 22. Anna; m. William Phelps. |
| 15. Lazarus, b. Oct. 29, 1730.† | 23. Elizabeth; m. El Segar of Danbury. |
| 16. Rachel, b. July 7, 1732; m. John Bishop. | 24. Mary; m. Nathan Merwin. |
| 17. Mercy; m. Edmund Bostwick. | 25. Samuel, b. 1751.† |
| 18. Mabel; m. Reuben Bostwick. | |

12. Benjamin, son of Capt. Joseph and Rachel Ruggles, m. Sarah Seely Jan., 1750. He and his descendants remained in Brookfield.

14. Joseph, son of Capt. Joseph and Rachel Ruggles, m. Sarah Dunning, and was a prominent man in New Milford. (See p. 300.) Ch.:

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| 26. Lemuel; d. y. | 28. Charles Hermon, b. Jan., 1789. |
| 27. David, b. in 1783. | |

15. Capt. Lazarus, son of Capt. Joseph and Rachel Ruggles, m. Hannah Bostwick Sept. 3, 1754. He died May 6, 1797, æ. 66. His widow Hannah died at Poughkeepsie Nov. 17, 1812, æ. 76. His residence at first was at Brookfield. (See page 299.) Ch.:

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| 29. Aphia, b. June 26, 1755; m. Jared Lane. | Monte Video, South America, and returned to N. M. |
| 30. Hannah, b. Mar. 2, 1757; d. young. | |
| 31. David, b. Jan. 19, 1759; a soldier in the Revolution, and d. on L. I., a prisoner in the British Army. | 37. Ezra, b. May 9, 1771; not m. |
| 32. Mabel, b. Nov. 8, 1760; m. Judson Canfield. | 38. Anna, b. July 4, 1773; m. Dr. Robert Noxon of Poughkeepsie, and after his death m. Daniel Burhans, D.D., of Newtown. |
| 33. Polypheme, b. Dec. 4, 1763; m. Samuel Bostwick, Esq. | 39. Thalia, b. Dec. 4, 1775; m. Asher Canfield. |
| 34. Philo, b. Feb. 22, 1765.† | 40. Hermon, b. Mar. 20, 1778; went to N. Y. |
| 35. Oliver, b. June 8, 1767.† | 41. Hannah, b. Mar. 26, 1780; m. Col. Samuel Hawkins. |
| 36. Lazarus, b. June 4, 1769; unm.; went to | |

19. Timothy, son of Capt. Joseph and Rachel Ruggles, m. Sibyl Wooden Apr. 30, 1762.

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| 42. Martha, b. Dec. 18, 1762; d. Feb. 21, 1768. | 47. Martha, b. Apr. 14, 1773; unm. |
| 43. Elihu, b. July 4, 1764.† | 48. Lucy, b. Dec. 13, 1775; m. |
| 44. John, b. Sep. 21, 1766; m. ——— Warner, and removed to Undilla, N. Y. | 49. Amasa, b. Sep. 20, 1780. |
| 45. Nathaniel, b. Feb. 18, 1769. | 50. Timothy, } twins. b. Mar. 7, 1783. |
| 46. Hervey, b. Dec. 11, 1770. | 51. Abel, } b. Mar. 7, 1783; d. Mar. 30, 1783. |

25. Samuel, son of Capt. Joseph and Rachel Ruggles, m. Huldah Wakelee June 1, 1779. She d. in Nov., 1807. He d. in 1795.

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| 52. Thirza, b. Feb. 29, 1780; m. Jesse Clinton of Southeast, N. Y. | 56. Huldah, b. Dec. 14, 1786; m. Benjamin Keeler. |
| 53. Eli, b. June 9, 1781; unm.; d. æ. 66. | 57. Lodemia, b. Aug., 1788; m. Wolcott Northrop. |
| 54. Isaac Wakelee, b. July 14, 1783; removed to Mich. | 58. Marcia, b. 1790; m. Amos Williams. |
| 55. Eldad, b. Feb. 11, 1785; m. Olive Sherman of Brookfield. | 59. Lucia, b. Oct. 12, 1793; m. 1st, Thomas Holman, M. D. (See Biog.) |
| | 60. Samuel, b. Mar., 1795; the missionary. |

1. *Ruggles, Abijah*, and wife Hannah, were residents in N. M., and the following records were made: Ch.:

2. Isaac Matthew, b. Nov. 25, 1754.

2. *Isaac M.*, son of Abijah and Hannah Ruggles, m. Molly Betts Nov. 6, 1783. She was born Aug. 14, 1760. Ch.:

Jehiel, b. Jan. 16, 1785.

Sherman, b. Feb. 4, 1789.

Abijah, b. Jan. 21, 1787.

Homer, b. Dec. 30, 1791.

SABIN, Charles C., was born in Ontario Co., town of Naples, N. Y. He was the son of Hiram Sabin, a native of Paulings, Dutchess Co., N. Y. He m. Sarah Ann, dau. of Ebenezer Hill, and resides at Lanesville.

1. Charles Hiram, b. Mar. 20, 1837.

Bert T. Smith, Jan. 9, 1866; has Sarah

2. Philotheta Lessey, b. Apr. 11, 1842; d. July

Ann, Sabin Smith.

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4. William Frederick, b. Mar. 2, 1850; d. Apr.

3. Cornelia R. M. B., b. Dec. 15, 1847; m. Al-

24, 1871.

1. *Charles H.*, son of Charles C. and Sarah A. Sabin, m. Laura Thorp, Aug. 27, 1856; resided with his father, and d. May 5, 1875.

5. Harriet A.; m. Henry D. Warner, Apr. 6, 1881.

1. *SACKETT, Richard*, and wife Mary.

2. Richard, b. July 15, 1749.

3. Elizabeth,

4. Catharine, } twins; b. Oct. 4, 1751.

Sanford, First Family.

1. *SANFORD, Thomas*, was of Dorchester, Mass., in 1634, where he was made freeman in 1637. He removed to Milford in 1639, where he was a householder in 1646. He had a wife Sarah, who d. in 1681. He d. in Oct., 1681. Ch.:

2. Ezekiel, b. in 1635.

6. Thomas, b. Dec., 1644.

3. Sarah, b. in 1637.

7. Ephraim, b. May 17, 1746.

4. Mary, b. Jan. 16, 1641.

8. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 27, 1748.

5. Samuel, b. Apr. 30, 1643.

2. *Ezekiel*, son of Thomas 1st and Sarah Sanford, m. Rebecca Wickla (probably Wakelee), Apr. 25, 1665. He settled with his family in Fairfield, where he d. in 1683. Ch.:

9. Sarah, b. Mar. 5, 1666.

13. Thomas, b. May 2, 1675.

10. Ezekiel, b. Mar. 6, 1668.

14. Martha, b. June 29, 1677.

11. Mary, b. Apr. 3, 1670.

15. Elizabeth, b. Sep. 6, 1679.

12. Rebecca, b. Dec. 13, 1672.

10. *Ezekiel, Jr.*, son of Ezekiel and Rebecca Sanford, m. Rebecca ———. He d. Mar., 1729.

16. Joseph, b. in 1697.

21. Ephraim, b. Feb. 12, 1708.

17. Lemuel, b. Dec. 16, 1699.

22. Rebecca, b. Nov. 21, 1710.

18. Zachariah, b. Nov. 24, 1701.

23. Abigail, b. Aug. 29, 1714.

19. Ezekiel, b. July 27, 1704.

24. Elnathan, b. Sep. 1, 1717.

20. Samuel, b. Feb. 20, 1707.

16. *Joseph*, son of Ezekiel 2d and Rebecca Sanford, m. Catharine Fairchild, Feb. 11, 1725.

25. Nehemiah, b. Mar. 10, 1726.

30. Joseph, b. June 20, 1736.

26. Elnathan, b. Oct. 11, 1727.

31. Nathan, b. Aug. 15, 1738.

27. Phebe, b. Nov. 11, 1729.

32. James, b. Dec. 14, 1740.

28. Ann, b. Feb. 15, 1732.

33. Stephen, b. July 16, 1743.

29. Timothy, b. Feb. 8, 1734.

25. *Nehemiah*, son of Joseph and Catharine Sanford, m. Elizabeth Morehouse, Mar. 5, 1747. She d. July 31, 1810. He d. in Nov., 1815. He came from



Henry Sampson

Henry, son of Nehemiah 2d and Harriet Sanford, m. 1st, Anna J., dau. of Daniel Canfield, Dec. 4, 1828. She d. Mar. 10, 1844. He m. 2d, Polly B., dau. of Dea. Simeon Platt of South Britain, Nov. 12, 1845. He has been an energetic, successful farmer on the old homestead of his father and grandfather, and has taken much interest in and rendered valuable aid in the collecting of material for this book. (See p. 430.) Ch.:

77. Canfield H., b. July 28, 1839; d. Aug. 17, 1839. Horace N., b. Jan. 4, 1841.

51. Charles H., son of Glover and Betsey Sanford, m. Susan Adeline, dau. of Lyman Smith. Ch.:

Charles.

Susan.

52. Homer B., son of Glover and Betsey Sanford, m. 1st, Ophelia, dau. of Lyman Fenn of Roxbury; 2d, Jane E., dau. of Ephraim French of Washington, D. C.; resides in Bridgewater.

Lilly F.

Alice

Ophelia.

Jennie.

By 2d wife.

Bertha.

Frederick H.

53. Frederick S., son of Glover and Betsey Sanford, m. 1st, ———, dau. of Almon Treat; m. 2d, S. H. Howe, of Mass.

Emma.

Nellie.

54. Edwin G., son of Glover and Betsey Sanford, m. Emily, dau. of Doct. Horace Judson of Bridgewater. Ch.:

Julia; m. Goodwin Stoddard.

Glover E.

Adeline; m. Frank Hurd.

Mabel.

78. Dea. Horace N., son of Henry and Anna J. Sanford, m. Dora M., dau. of George M. Kasson of Bethlehem, Ct. He is a deacon in the Congregational Church. (See p. 431.) Ch.:

Jenevieve S.

Mabel F.

Henry C.

Sanford, Second Family.

Sanford, Jonas, came from Newtown to New Milford.

1. Andre.

3. Lucy; m. Nathaniel Randall.

2. Joel.

4. Esther; m. Richard Randall.

2. Joel, son of Jonas Sanford, m. Huldah Prindle of Newtown. (See p. 442.)

5. Harriet, b. Oct. 31, 1796; m. Oliver Mead.

7. Julia Maria, b. May 9, 1803; m. Albert Gaylord.

6. David Curtis, b. Jan. 23, 1798.

8. Charles Grandison, b. Feb. 5, 1814.

6. Judge David C., son of Joel and Huldah Sanford, m. 1st, Caroline T., dau. of Orange Merwin, Sep. 1, 1822. She d. Jan. 20, 1824. He m. 2d, Amelia Selima, dau. of Osias Seymour of Litchfield, May 25, 1830. She d. July 15, 1833. He m. 3d, Emily, dau. of Epaphras Bull, Nov. 28, 1837. (See Biog.) Ch.:

By 2d wife.

Mr. Black has made much improvement to the village, in laying out streets and erecting dwelling-houses.

Henry Seymour.

By 3d wife.

Sarah Northrop; m. William D. Black of New York city; residence in N. M., where

Caroline Selima.

Henry S., son of Judge D. C., and Amelia S. Sanford, m. Sophia Claffin Daniels of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is an attorney, residing at Bridgeport, Conn. Ch.:

Jennie Daniels.

Henry Seymour.

David Curtis.

2. Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer and Jerusha Sanford, m. Eunice Knapp. She was born Jan. 11, 1799, and d. in 1870. He d. Apr. 5, 1863.

George, b. in 1840; d. May 29, 1859.

Maria; m. William Bostwick of N. M.

Sanford, Harley, son of Andre Sanford, m. Alosia, dau. of Thomas Wheeler Peck of Newtown, Nov. 25, 1829. He is a carpenter and farmer, and, as a carpenter, built the first Episcopal Church and the Congregational parsonage. He is in his 82d year. Ch.:

Sarah Ann.

1. Sanford, Samuel, and Sarah, his wife, came, probably, from Redding to N. M. about 1670, and lived a little north of Brookfield centre, on Still River Neck.

Uriah.

Thomas, b. Oct. 27, 1769.

Zuca, b. Apr. 27, 1772.

Mabel, b. Dec. 7, 1774.

Sarah, b. Aug. 27, 1777.

Samuel, b. Dec. 29, 1779; d. July 5, 1783.

Polly, b. May 8, 1788; d. Jan. 17, 1792.

SEELYE, John, and Martha, his wife, from Newtown, settled in New Milford, probably, as early as 1729. He had two children baptized here; and probably had several children born before he came here. He d. in N. M., May 20, 1740.

1. Benjamin.

2. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 25, 1729; probably in N. M.

3. David, b. Sept. 4, 1731.

1. Benjamin, son of John and Martha Seelye, m. Deborah, dau. of Samuel Hitchcock, Apr. 11, 1735.

1. John, bapt. June 27, 1736.

2. Deborah, bapt. June 4, 1738.

3. Abel, bapt. Oct. 1, 1739.

4. Nathaniel, bapt. Sept. 13, 1741.

5. Nehemiah, bapt. Sept. 18, 1743.

Seelye, Nathaniel, m. Abigail Howard, May 9, 1745.

1. Johannah, b. July 11, 1747.

2. Lucy, b. July 1, 1750.

Seelye, Justus, m. Elizabeth Gibbs, Mar. 10, 1746-7.

1. Zadoc, b. Feb. 4, 1748-9.

Seelye, Justus, m. Sarah Stuart of Litchfield, July 17, 1766.

1. Orange, b. Feb. 5, 1767.

2. Philo, b. Apr. 11, 1769.

3. Stewart, b. Jan. 28, 1771.

Seelye, Joseph, perhaps son of John, above, came to New Milford a young man, and m. Thankful Weller, July 28, 1735. He built a saw-mill in company with Joel Hervey, on Rocky river, and sold the same to Partridge Thatcher.

1. Joseph.

2. Martha, b. Jan. 8, 1735-6.

3. Martha, b. Apr. 26, 1738.

4. Abner, b. Jan. 17, 1739-40.

5. Margaret, b. Dec. 17, 1741.

Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Thankful Seelye, m. Mary Tupper of Salisbury, Jan. 24, 1864.

6. Justus, b. Feb. 4, 1766.

7. Charlotte, b. May 7, 1767.

4. Abner, son of Joseph, Sen., and Thankful Seelye, m. Hannah Thayer, Mar. 22, 1759.

8. Sheklun, b. Nov. 22, 1760.

9. Thankful, b. July 6, 1763.

10. Oliver, b. Feb. 28, 1766.

11. Abner, b. May 31, 1768.

Sherman,¹ First Family.

1. SHERMAN, Thomas, of Yaxley, Co. of Suffolk, Eng., b. prob. before 1500, m. Jane, dau. of John Waller, Gent., and had children.

¹ Hollister's Hist. Conn., II, 440. Cothren's Hist. Woodbury.

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| 2. Thomas. | 7. Francis. |
| 3. Richard. | 8. James. |
| 4. John. | 9. Anthony. |
| 5. Henry. | 10. Daughter. |
| 6. Richard. | |

2. Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas and Jane Sherman, also of Yaxley, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Anthony Yaxley, Esq., of Mellis. He was living in 1561. Ch.:

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| 11. Thomas. | 16. Owen. |
| 12. Elizabeth. | 17. William. |
| 13. Anne. | 18. Margaret. |
| 14. John. | 19. Faith. |
| 15. Rev. Richard. | |

11. Thomas, 3d, of Yaxley and Stuston, son of Thomas, 2d, and Elizabeth Sherman, m. a dau. of ——— Thwaytes of Hardingham in Norfolk. His will was proved in 1619, giving property to his widow Margaret. Children mentioned in his will:

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| 20. John, Rev.; came to America in 1634. | 24. Daughter; m. Carpenter. |
| 21. Thomas. | 25. Margaret. |
| 22. Samuel; came to America in 1634. | 26. Barbara. |
| 23. Mary. | |

14. John, of Yaxley, son of Thomas, 2d, and Elizabeth Sherman, m. Anne, dau. of William Cane; resided in Newark, Leicestershire, and had children.

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| 27. Faith. | 31. Jane. |
| 28. William. | 32. Milicent. |
| 29. Thomas. | 33. Elizabeth. |
| 30. Eleanor. | 34. Anne. |

28. William, son of John and Elizabeth Sherman, m. Mary Lacelles of Nottinghamshire. He was aged 31 years in 1619. Ch.:

35. John, b. about 1613, in Dedham, Essex Co., Eng.

35. Capt. John, son of William and Mary Sherman, came from Dedham to America in 1634, and settled in Watertown, Mass., near his cousin, the Rev. John Sherman. Capt. John Sherman m. Martha Palmer, and died Jan. 25, 1698. His widow Martha d. Feb. 7, 1700. Ch.:

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| 36. Martha, b. 21st of 12th mo., 1640. | 39. Grace, b. 20th of 10th mo., 1655. |
| 37. Sarah, b. 17th of 11th mo., 1647; d. young. | 40. John, who was killed in the Narragansett Indian fight. |
| 38. Joseph, b. 14th of 3d mo., 1650. | |

38. Joseph, son of Capt. John and Martha Sherman, m. Elizabeth Winship, Nov. 18, 1673. He d. Jan. 20, 1730-1.

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| 41. John, b. Jan. 11, 1674. | 47. Ephraim, b. Mar. 16, 1685. |
| 42. Edward, b. Sept. 2, 1677. | 48. Ephraim, b. Sept. 20, 1686. |
| 43. Joseph, b. Feb. 8, 1679. | 49. Elizabeth, b. July 15, 1687. |
| 44. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1681. | 50. William, b. June 28, 1692. |
| 45. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1682. | 51. Sarah, b. June 2, 1694. |
| 46. Jonathan, b. Feb. 24, 1683-4. | 52. Nathaniel, b. Sept. 19, 1696. |

50. William, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Sherman, m. Rebecca Cutler of Charlestown, Mass.; m. 2d, Mehitable, dau. of Benj. Wellington, Sep. 13, 1715. Ch.:

By 1st wife.

53. William; d. aged about 16 mos.

By 2d wife.

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| 54. William, b. Mar. 20, 1716-17. | 59. Rev. Josiah, of Woburn, Mass., Goshen and Woodbridge, Conn., and father of Hon. Roger Minott Sherman. |
| 55. Mary; m. John Brattle of Dedham. | |
| 56. Roger, b. Apr. 19, 1721, at Newton, Mass. | |
| 57. Elizabeth, b. July 17, 1723; m. James Buck of New Milford. | 60. Rebecca; m. Joseph Hartwell of New Milford. |
| 58. Rev. Nathaniel, of Bedford, Mass. | |

54. William, 2d, son of William and Mehitable Sherman, came to New Milford in 1739 or 40, and engaged as farmer, and m. Ruth Terrill, Apr. 18, 1743. He d. Apr. 20, 1756. No ch. (See inscription on his gravestone, and also p. 131.)

56. Hon. Roger, son of William and Mehitable Sherman, came to New Milford in 1743, at the age of 21 years, his father having died about one year before. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. Joseph Hartwell of Stoughton, Mass., Nov. 17, 1749. She d. Oct. 19, 1760, æ. 34. He m. 2d, in New Haven, May 12, 1763, Rebecca, dau. of Benjamin Prescott, Jr., son of Rev. Benjamin Prescott, formerly minister at Salem, Mass. (See p. 132, also Biog.)

61. John, b. July 8, 1750.

64. Chloe, b. Dec. 26, 1754; d. Nov. 13, 1757.

62. William, b. Nov. 12, 1751.

65. Oliver, b. July 25, 1756; d. June 16, 1757.

63. Isaac, b. June 17, 1753.

66. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 28, 1760.

By 2d wife.

67. Rebecca; m. Simeon Baldwin, afterwards a member of Congress and Mayor of New Haven.

William M. Evarts, Secretary of State under President Rutherford B. Hayes.

68. Elizabeth.

72. Martha; m. Rev. Jeremiah Day, President of Yale College from 1817 to 1846.

69. Roger.

73. Sarah; m. Hon. Samuel Hoar of Concord, Mass., and was the mother of George F. Hoar, U. S. Senator.

70. Oliver.

71. Mehitable; m. Jeremiah Evarts, a noted editor and essayist, and was the mother of Hon.

Sherman, Second Family.

1. SHERMAN, Hon. Samuel, (No. 22, 1st family,) came from Dedham, Essex Co., England, in 1634, with his brother, the Rev. John Sherman, when 18 or 19 years of age, and m. Sarah Mitchell, who came from England with him. She was the sister of the Rev. John Mitchell of Cambridge, Mass. Samuel Sherman settled first in Wethersfield, removed thence to Stamford, and thence to Stratford, at a place called "Old Mill," now Bridgeport. He was a member of the Court of Assistants five years from 1633, and was "undoubtedly the most distinguished man connected with" the settlement of Woodbury, although residing in Stratford, where he died before October, 1684. His sons, John, Samuel, and Matthew, settled in Woodbury.

2. Samuel, b. June 19, 1641.

7. Sarah, b. Feb. 8, 1653-4.

3. Theophilus, b. Oct. 21, 1643.

8. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 21, 1656-7.

4. Matthew, b. Oct. 24, 1645.

9. Benjamin, b. Mar. 29, 1662.

5. Edmond, b. Dec. 4, 1647.

10. David, b. Apr. 15, 1665.

6. John, b. Feb. 8, 1650-1.

10. David, son of the Hon. Samuel and Sarah Sherman, m. Mercy Judson of Stratford, and settled in Bridgeport parish at a place called Toilsome Hill, and was one of nine men who formed the church which is now the First Cong. Church of Bridgeport, gathered June 13, 1695. He was appointed Deacon of this church in 1695, and d. in 1753, æ. 88 years. His children, nine in number, were all daughters.

7. Dorothy; m. — Barlow.

12. Esther, bapt. in 1701.

8. Jerusha, b. in 1693; m. 1st, — Seelye; 2d,

13. Mercy, bapt. in 1704.

Rev. Daniel Boardman of New Milford.

14. Prudence, bapt. in 1706.

9. Tamar, bapt. 1696; m. — Rowland.

15. Mehitable, bapt. in 1711.

10. Abiah, bapt. in 1697.

11. Eunice, bapt. in 1699; m. Nathaniel Sherwood.

Sherman, Justin, born Oct. 3, 1790; m. Phebe —, who was born Jan. 9, 1796.

Lavinia, b. June 24, 1816; m. I. B. Postwick.

Eli, b. Mar. 4, 1818; residence at Falls Village, Ct.

Lucy A., b. Apr. 3, 1820.

Henry D., b. Oct. 8, 1824; residence in Iowa.

Emon H., b. Apr. 4, 1828; residence, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Julia M., b. Jan. 9, 1831; m. Timothy Mans-

field; residence in Brookfield, Ct.

Polly Orinda, b. Oct. 32, 1835; m. — Parcells.

Orcelia, b. Sep. 20, 1837; m. Rollin C. Emmons.

Rachel J., b. July 17, 1840; m. David A. Baldwin.

1. SHERMAN, Amos, son of Ephraim and wife Mary (Brown) with four children, came to Bridgewater, from Newtown, in the year 1795. His farm was on the east side of the town, lying partly in Roxbury. He d. in his 82d year. His wife d. in her 60th year. Ch.:

2. Almira; m. Allen Treat.

3. Emma; m. Joseph P. Fitch; removed to Mil-
ton, Conn.

4. Anne; d. in Roxbury, æ. 80.

5. Homer Brinsmade.

5. Homer B., son of Amos and Mary Sherman, m. Laura, dau. of Stephen Crane, in Dec. 1818. Ch.:

6. Frederic L., b. Nov. 18, 1819.

7. Mary J., b. Nov. 10, 1821; m. Stephen Wells of
N. M., Sep. 14, 1846.

8. George F., b. Feb. 10, 1824.

9. Laura C., b. June 15, 1826; residence, New
Milford.

6. Frederic L., son of Homer B. and Laura Sherman, m. Lydia E., dau. of Joel Bishop of New Preston, where he resides.

10. Homer W., b. Jan. 17, 1840; d. Apr. 20, 1870.

11. Horace N., b. July 6, 1847; m. Ella Wines of

New York city, where he resides; had Emma and Frederick L.

8. George F., son of Homer B. and Laura Sherman, m. Mary Hopkins, of Cold Spring, N. Y. He removed to New Orleans, Miss.

Mary Caroline; m. Edward Dewees of New Orleans.

1. SHERWOOD, Gideon.

2. Eli, bapt. Apr. 4, 1773.

3. Nancy, bapt. Sept. 24, 1775.

1. Sherwood, Widow.

2. Sarah, bapt. May 17, 1778.

1. Sherwood, Daniel, b. Nov. 1, 1761; came from Trumbull, Ct., to New Milford, and m. Polly, dau. of Silas Hill, Sen., and lived on the plains below Lanesville. He d. July 24, 1834, æ. 77. She d. Aug. 17, 1839, æ. 73.

2. Sally, b. Dec. 17, 1784; d. Dec. 3, 1785.

3. Ann, b. Jan. 22, 1787; m. Amos H. Marsh.

4. Polly, b. Oct. 13, 1788; m. Samuel D. Marsh,
and d. May 24, 1863, æ. 74.

5. Betsey, b. Sep. 7, 1790; m. George M. Marsh.

6. Daniel, b. Dec. 13, 1792; m.

7. Minerva, b. Nov. 26, 1795; m. Slosson Platt,
and removed to Butternut, N. Y., and
thence to Ill.

8. Harmon, b. Mar. 23, 1798; m. Abigail Marsh.
he was a stone mason, and d. in N. M.; had
Calvin and Mary, who m. Lucius Hill.

6. Daniel, son of Daniel and Polly Sherwood, m. Fanny Shove of New Milford. She died, and was buried in Lanesville cemetery. He removed into the State of N. Y. Ch.:

9. Asahel, and others.

9. Asahel, son of Daniel and Fanny Sherwood, m. Caroline Bennett, Aug. 5, 1846; residence on Beers Hill.

10. Daniel F., b. Aug. 3, 1851.

11. Myron E., b. July 7, 1853.

12. Asahel M., b. Sep. 3, 1855.

13. Ann N., b. Sep. 23, 1858.

14. Susan M., b. Mar. 30, 1860.

15. Fanny.

1. Sherwood, Henry, m. Cynthia Wheaton, Dec. 17, 1814.

2. Daniel, b. May 11, 1815.

1. SMITH, Jostah, from Derby, and wife, came to New Milford about 1730. She d. Feb. 1, 1775. He d. Feb. 21, 1776. He settled on a farm below Falls Mountain.

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| 2. David. | 5. Josiah, b. Feb. 14, 1741-2; bapt. in N. M. |
| 3. Abraham, b. Jan. 26, 1731-2, in N. M. | 6. John, b. Oct. 21, 1745. |
| 4. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 1, 1733. | |

2. David, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, m. Sarah Ruggles, June 18, 1746.

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| 7. David, b. Mar. 30, 1747. | 9. Mary, b. Dec. 16, 1750. |
| 8. Sarah, b. Dec. 15, 1748. | 10. Joseph, b. June 25, 1754. |

3. Abraham, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, m. Mary —, Feb. 24, 1757.

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| 11. Thomas, b. Apr. 10, 1760. | 14. Abraham, b. Dec. 4, 1767. |
| 12. Mary, b. Oct. 6, 1761. | 15. Belle, b. Feb. 14, 1770. |
| 13. Jonah, b. Mar. 25, 1764. | 16. Triphena, b. June 6, 1774. |

4. Nathaniel, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, m. Annis, dau. of Oliver Thayre, Sep. 27, 1764. His house stood below Falls Mountain; the cellar-place is still to be seen.

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| 17. Mindwell, b. Sep. 5, 1765; m. Samuel Lovett. | 21. Annis, b. Feb. 28, 1775. |
| 18. Hester, b. Nov. 11, 1767; m., and removed to Saratoga Co., N. Y. | 22. Tamar, b. May 24, 1777. |
| 19. Hannah, b. Dec. 19, 1769. | 23. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 17, 1780. |
| 20. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 6, 1772; d. May 18, 1775. | 24. Davis, b. Mar. 6, 1782; d. Mar. 9, 1782. |
| | 25. Beebe, b. Apr. 17, 1787. |

5. Jostah, Jr., son of Josiah and Mary Smith, m. Sarah, dau. of William Prime, Sep. 10, 1767.

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| 26. David, b. Sep. 10, 1768. | 28. Sarah, b. Jan. 30, 1775. |
| 27. Eunice, b. Mar. 5, 1772. | |

6. John, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, m. Anne Wilkerson, Mar. 3, 1768. He d. Aug. 5, 1827, æ. 82.

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| 29. Daniel, b. Oct. 26, 1768; d. Nov. 13, 1768. | 33. Elisha, b. July 22, 1777. |
| 30. Daniel, b. Mar. 4, 1770. | 34. Andrew, b. Nov. 18, 1779. |
| 31. John, b. Apr. 5, 1773. | 35. Doctor, b. Jan. 27, 1782. |
| 32. Shubael, b. Mar. 11, 1775. | 36. Mabel, b. Jan. 9, 1784. |

11. Thomas, son of Abraham (?) and Mary Smith, m. Phebe Barrett, Apr. 8, 1787.

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| 37. Polly, b. Oct. 19, 1787. | 39. Huldah, b. May 9, 1792. |
| 38. Olive, b. July 9, 1790. | 40. Daniel Barlow, b. June 4, 1794. |

20. Nathaniel, Jr., son of Nathaniel and Annis Smith, m. Betsey Mead, Nov. 14, 1804.

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| 41. Carlisle, b. Sep. 5, 1805. | 46. Rachel M., b. Nov. 10, 1814; m. — Hungerford. |
| 42. Henry, b. Feb. 28, 1817. | 47. Oliver, b. Feb. 7, 1817. |
| 43. Aurelia, b. Jan. 4, 1808; m. John Warner. | 48. Annis E., b. Sep. 4, 1822; m. Joel Judd. |
| 44. Samuel W., b. Dec. 1, 1810. | |
| 45. Lois, b. Sep. 25, 1812. | |

30. Dantel, son of John and Anne Smith, m. Urania Edwards, Jan. 27, 1794.

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| 49. Julia Ann, b. July 27, 1794. | 52. Olivia, b. Oct. 9, 1801. |
| 50. Laura, b. Mar. 16, 1796. | 53. Sarah Prime, b. Oct. 28, 1803. |
| 51. Amanda, b. Mar. 2, 1799. | 54. Urania Runette, b. Sep. 4, 1805. |

22. Henry, son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Betsey Smith, m. Miranda, dau of Samuel Buel, Jan. 25, 1843, and lives on his father's and grandfather's homestead, below Falls Mountain.

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| 55. George Henry; m. Emily S., dau. of Phineas B. Randall, Sep. 25, 1872; had Bessie Emily. | 56. Martha Minerva. |
| | 57. Minta Miranda; m. Daniel Wheaton of New Preston; had Gertrude A. |

1. Smith, Eli, m. Huldah Merwin, June 17, 1782.

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| 2. Merwin, b. July 14, 1783; d. Oct. 23, 1783. | 4. Polly, b. Nov. 20, 1785. |
| 3. Eli Merwin, b. Aug. 25, 1784. | 5. Ruth, b. Jan. 20, 1789. |

1. Smith, Jesse, and wife Elizabeth. He d. Dec. 1, 1783, in his 70th year.

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| 2. Martha, b. Mar. 24, 1751. | 4. Joel, b. Dec. 22, 1756. |
| 3. Eli, b. June 10, 1754. | 5. Jane, b. Mar. 30, 1758. |

1. Smith, Samuel, Jr., m. Sarah Plumb, May 21, 1772.

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| 2. Merritt, b. Apr. 18, 1773. | 3. Mary, b. Apr. 5, 1777. |
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1. Smith, Faithful, and wife Elizabeth.

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| 2. Faithful, b. Oct. 1, 1800. | 3. Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1803. |
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1. Smith, Abraham, m. Wealthy Drinkwater, Sept. 25, 1767.

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| 2. Joel, b. Mar. 14, 1765. | 5. Eunice, b. June 25, 1765. |
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1. Smith, Joel, m. Patience Beers, July 11, 1782.

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| 2. David, b. Apr. 3, 1783. | 6. Levi, b. Nov. 12, 1789. |
| 3. Reuben, b. July 8, 1784. | 7. George, b. June 26, 1791. |
| 4. Annis, b. Mar. 23, 1786. | 8. Isaac, b. Apr. 10, 1793; d. Mar. 17, 1793. |
| 5. Joel Beers, b. Feb. 2, 1788. | |

Smith, James Winans, of Northeast, N. Y., m. Sally Canfield, Apr. 20, 1803.

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| Isaac Canfield, b. July 11, 1805. | James Mortimer, b. Aug. 22, 1809. |
| Leander, b. June 26, 1807. | Sally Ann, b. Dec. 21, 1812. |

Samuel, son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Betsey Smith, m. Harriet Young, and has been a farmer on Second Hill. Ch.:

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| William Henry; m. Alice Irwin Stanley; d. y. | Julia Catharine. |
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Smith, George, son of Joseph and Mary Smith of Newtown, was born Oct. 13, 1721; m. Nov. 24, 1748, 1st, Anna Booth, who died Oct. 26, 1749; m. 2d, Lucy Botsford Oct. 13, 1755, who died Sept. 17, 1778; and he m. 3d, Beula Nichols Aug. 23, 1787. He died Aug. 26, 1800, æ. 79.

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| 1. George Clark, b. Nov. 14, 1756. | 4. Lucy, b. Aug. 16, 1766. |
| 2. Ralph, } twins. b. Jan. 11, 1758. | 5. John, b. Oct. 26, 1749; d. Nov. 16, 1799. |
| 3. Anna, } b. Jan. 11, 1758. | |

2. Smith, Ralph, m. Anna Treat, and resided in Bridgewater. He died Nov. 13, 1825, æ. 67 years. She died June 16, 1845, æ. 79 years.

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| 6. John, b. July 29, 1783; d. Apr. 19, 1854, æ. 71 years. He m. Aphia Beardsley. | 9. Lucy, b. May 29, 1789; d. Dec. 27, 1851, æ. 63. |
| 7. William, b. Aug. 30, 1785; d. Nov. 11, 1785. | 10. Phebe, b. Sept. 7, 1792; d. Jan. 24, 1796. |
| 8. Clara, b. Oct. 13, 1786; m. Stephen Treat; d. Dec. 28, 1851, æ. 65. | 11. Phebe, b. Feb. 6, 1802; m. Peter Mead. |

SOULE, George, the first in America, came in the Mayflower in 1620; removed to Cape Cod, and thence to Duxbury.

1. John Soule, m. Lucinda, dau. of Hezekiah Whitehead of Kent, Jan. 19, 1826. She was b. July 11, 1803. They settled on Long mountain, the first dwelling south of the old Abel Canfield place, in 1827, where they resided until the death of the wife Lucinda. He now resides in New Milford village with his daughter, Mrs. Titus. He was a blacksmith and farmer on Long Mountain.

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| 2. Olive, b. Apr. 7, 1827; d. Mar. 12, 1835. | 6. David E., b. Mar. 4, 1838. |
| 3. Henry W., b. Nov. 4, 1829. | 7. Mary Jane, b. June 4, 1840; m. 1st, George Benedict; m. 2d, Wm. Losee; resides at White Plains, N. Y. |
| 4. Turney, b. Oct. 10, 1831. | |
| 5. Olive Lavina, b. Aug. 4, 1835; m. 1st, Homer R. Merwin, who d.; m. 2d, Wm. Leviness; resides on Long Mountain. | 8. Sally A., b. Feb. 21, 1844; m. Jerome Titus. |

3. Henry W., son of John and Lucinda Soule, m. Lydia Lampson of Roxbury, and resides on Long Mountain.

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| Walter D. | Chester A. |
| Charles A. | |

4. *Turney*, son of John and Lucinda Soule, m. Alosia B. Fairchild of Roxbury. He is a builder and lumber merchant, and also engaged in the tobacco business. Ch.:

Hattie A.

George T.

6. *David E.*, son of John and Lucinda Soule, was Lieut. in the late Civil War; m. Jan. 11, 1866, Sarah M., dau. of Henry Sullivan, and resides on Main street, New Milford village. He is a builder, and engaged in the tobacco business. He was engaged with his brother some years in the lumber business. His residence is new, and was erected from his own plans and designs, and is, with many others, quite ornamental to the village. Ch.:

Frank Ellsworth.

Willie F.

Florence Alena.

1. *STARR, Col. Josiah*, son of Capt. Josiah, son of Josiah, son of Josiah, son of Thomas, son of Doct. Comfort Starr, the emigrant from England in 1660. (See Starr Genealogy.) Col. Josiah Starr was born in Danbury about 1740, and came to New Milford soon after he was 21 years of age; was made freeman here in 1763. In 1764 he purchased the place in the village where Col. William J. Starr resides, and there resided until his death, Oct. 15, 1813, æ. 73. He was an active, prominent man; represented the town in General Assembly eighteen sessions, between 1771 and 1802. He served in the War of the Revolution. (See page 223.) He m. Sarah, dau. of Joseph Mygatt, who died Sept. 19, 1805, æ. 65. He was a man of much efficiency in serving his fellow citizens in a neighborly way, on committees of the ecclesiastical society, and of the town, and he lived in a day when there were scores of capable men in the town.

2. Hannah, b. about 1760; m. Nicholas S. Masters Jan. 28, 1780, who was a lawyer in N. M.
4. Betsey, b. Jan. 2, 1770; m. Ithimar Canfield.
5. Daniel, b. May 4, 1777; d. unm. May 2, 1826.
3. Eli, b. Mar. 10, 1763. +

3. *Eli*, son of Col. Josiah and Sarah Starr, m. Susannah, dau. of Joseph Higgins, May 28, 1797. When a lad he spent one winter with his father's regiment, while in New Jersey. He lived on his father's homestead in his native village, a successful farmer; sustained the religious and public interests of the town and community, and died Dec. 5, 1835. His widow Susannah died Nov. 24, 1851. Ch.:

6. Eliza, b. in 1790; d. Feb. 11, 1833. She m. 7. William Josiah, b. Jan. 15, 1806.
Oct. 9, 1816, Horace F., son of Samuel Lockwood.

7. *Col. William J.*, son of Eli and Susannah Starr, inherited and resides on the old homestead which has been in the family about 118 years, during which time the village has changed a little. He m. Sarah, dau. of Cyrus Northrop, Apr. 15, 1830. She was born Nov. 9, 1807. The Colonel has always lived near the Congregational Church what time he has not been in the church, and as a consequence, if he would consent to write a commentary on the Bible, it would be worth much more than many that have been written. It is not too much to say that he generally knows whether the minister preaches about the doctrines of the Bible, or that which is not in the Bible. For the church and society, and the interests of his native town he has labored in many positions for many years; and last of all he has served nobly in aid of the history of the town. Ch.:

8. Eliza Jane, b. Jan. 16, 1831; d. Oct. 3, 1832. they reside at Mishawaka, Ind.; had Sarah
9. Frederick Eli. Starr, Robert, Joseph, Carrie Elizabeth,
10. William Edward; d. June 17, 1852. Katie Starr, William Starr.
11. Catharine Sophia; m. Joseph Bostwick, and

Frederick E., son of Col. William J. and Sarah Starr, m. Hannah Cordelia,

dau. of Mr. William Wanzer, May 26, 1857. He resides at the old homestead; is a farmer, selectman, and has served the town in many ways as a trustful citizen.

12. William Edward.

14. Adelaide.

13. Charles Wanzer.

15. Frederick Eli.

1. STEBBINS, Benoni, came from Northampton, Mass., in the spring or summer of 1713; for in October of that year he purchased a Right of land in New Milford, and is said in the deed to be of New Milford. He m. Mary Kirby of Milford, Dec. 10, 1717. He became an influential man in the town, and a large land holder. He had five slave children baptized. He gave land, in his will, for the benefit of a school in New Milford village, which secured, in fact, for some years, one of the first free schools in Connecticut, so far as we have been able to learn. Tradition speaks of him as one of the most highly esteemed citizens in the town, although he was not prominent in office. He died Nov. 14, 1758. His widow Mary died Feb. 17, 1771. (See page 64.) Ch.:

2. Stebbins Sanford; was an adopted son, being the son of his sister Bethia, who m. Nathaniel Sanford of Milford. This adopted son died Apr. 1, 1757, in his 24th year.

3. Rebecca, bapt. Feb. 14, 1726. She was an adopted daughter. Her father was Thomas Herrick, an Englishman, whose wife died on the voyage to America, leaving two

daughters; the youngest, less than a year old, was left with funds for her support for a time at Stratford, to be adopted. Mr. Stebbins, hearing of her, went down and brought her on horseback to New Milford and adopted her, and she was brought to baptism by him as above. She m. Gamaliel Baldwin.

1. STEKLING, Ephraim, came from Trumbull or Stratford to N. M., and m. Lucy Buck of N. M., Jan. 19, 1804, and settled at Chestnut land, where some of his descendants still reside. He died Jan., 1854. She died Jan., 1859. Ch.:

2. Cyrus Curtis, b. Oct. 2, 1808.

3. Samuel Beebe, b. Jan. 30, 1805.

4. David, b. in 1811.

4½. Joseph; d. young.

5. Vincent B.; d. a young man.

6. Hinman; d. young.

7. Emily, b. in 1817; m. Brice Weaver; residence at Gaylordsville.

8. Elizabeth; d. young.

9. Caroline, b. in 1821; d. unm. Aug. 4, 1875.

2. Cyrus C., son of Ephraim and Lucy Sterling, m. 1st, Sarah Ann Beers of Washington, Conn., May 23, 1834. She was b. Jan. 13, 1809, and d. Apr. 19, 1836. He m. 2d, Gulia Elma Weaver of Washington, Conn., Oct. 6, 1836. She was b. Apr. 19, 1817, and d. Mar. 19, 1876. He d. June 13, 1857. He resided in Washington, Conn.

10. Albert Beers, b. Feb. 9, 1836.

13. Vincent Buck, b. Nov. 4, 1844.

11. Sarah Ann E., b. Nov. 15, 1838; d. Sept. 12, 1858.

14. Margaret Arabella, b. Aug. 27, 1847; d. Dec. 22, 1862.

12. Delia Alzina, b. Aug. 13, 1742; d. Jan. 16, 1877.

3. Samuel B., son of Ephraim and Lucy Sterling, m. Minerva Beard, Nov. 7, 1828; lived near his father's homestead. He d. June 12, 1880, aged 75 years.

15. Homer, b. Dec., 1829; d. Jan. 14, 1865.

18. Henry, b. Sept. 12, 1836; d. Apr. 20, 1863.

16. Edward, b. July 29, 1832; m. Cornelia S. Hine of Milford, June 3, 1875; have Herbert Chester, b. Nov. 1, 1878.

19. Mary Eliza, b. Mar. 4, 1839; m. Ambrose B. Judy, Jan. 19, 1879, in Illinois.

20. George, b. July 27, 1842.†

17. Martin, b. June 9, 1834.†

4. David, son of Ephraim and Lucy Sterling, m. Adaline Castle; lives near his father's homestead. No children.

10. Albert B., son of Cyrus C. and Sarah A. Sterling, m. Harriet C. (Atwood) Mygatt, Oct. 10, 1866; residence on Grove street, N. M. village. Ch.:

21. Albert Clifton.

13. Vincent B., son of Cyrus C. and Gulia Elma Sterling, m. Maria M. Nichols of Suffield, Sept. 9, 1874; residence on Grove street, N. M. village. Ch.:

22. Edward Vincent.

23. Ella Bell.

17. Martin, son of Samuel B. and Minerva Sterling, m. Susie Lavinia, Townsend, Mar. 20, 1874. They live near the old homestead, on Chestnut Hill.

24. Mary Fanny.

26. Julia Minerva.

25. Charles Martin Beebe.

20. Rev. George, son of Samuel B. and Minerva Sterling, m. Lavinia Reed, of West Stockbridge, Mass., Oct. 20, 1874. He is pastor of a Cong. Church in Milton, N. H.

27. Alice.

STILSON, Enoch, m. Freelove ———, Oct. 31, 1754.

1. Mary, b. Feb. 7, 1755.

2. Truman, b. May 4, 1757.

Stilson, Samuel, and wife Mary.

1. Arthur, b. Nov. 20, 1759.

3. Eunice, b. May 23, 1764; d. Nov. 14, 1776.

2. Eben, b. Nov. 22, 1761.

Stilson, Reverius, m. Anna Baldwin, Aug. 6, 1767.

1. Son, b. May 18, 1768; d. next day.

5. Nicanor, b. May 3, 1776.

2. Polly, b. Mar. 17, 1770.

6. Tamar, b. Mar. 17, 1778.

3. Anne, b. Feb. 9, 1772; m. Rev. Daniel Hine.

7. Urania, b. Sept. 14, 1781; m. Elihu Marsh.

8. Aurelia, b. May 23, 1783.

4. Tamar, b. Aug. 23, 1774; d. Sept. 6, 1777.

Stilson, Moses, m. as 2d wife, Hannah Trowbridge, Aug. 11, 1763. She was b. Feb. 24, 1741, and d. Mar. 25, 1795. Mr. John Stilson d. Mar. 29, 1821.

1. John(?), b. Oct. 16, 1742.

6. Thaly, b. Feb. 11, 1777; m. Nathaniel Taylor of N. Preston.

2. Sarah, b. Mar. 20, 1764; d. May 9, 1769.

3. John, b. May 2, 1771.

7. Dorcas, b. Apr. 13, 1780; m. Daniel Hine; d. Feb. 15, 1814.

4. Lilly, b. Aug. 8, 1773; d. Sept. 17, 1777.

5. Samuel Trowbridge, b. Aug. 2, 1775; d. Sept. 4, 1777.

3. John, son of Moses and Hannah Stilson, m. Rachel, dau. of Benjamin and Olive Bostwick, Apr. 30, 1794. She was b. May 9, 1770. He died Apr. 1, 1831, aged 60 years. She died Apr. 20, 1863, æ. 93. He owned the grist-mill at the Little Falls.

8. William Bostwick, b. May 24, 1795; d. May 30, 1819, in Louisville, Ky.

vin Brown of Marbledale; had M. Augusta Brown, who m. Rev. James L. Scott.

9. Olive Hannah, b. Mar. 9, 1797; m. Philo N. Heacock, a lawyer.

11. Solomon J., b. June 27, 1801.

10. Samantha Eudoxia, b. Feb. 23, 1799; m. Al-

12. John Judson, b. Mar. 25, 1806.

11. Solomon J., son of John and Rachel Stilson, m. Phebe Ruggles, dau. of Luther Moore of Salisbury, Ct., Feb. 1, 1837; and was owner in the grist-mill at Little Falls.

13. William Bostwick; a civil Engineer; resides in Jackson, Mich., and is engaged on the Michigan Central Railroad. He m. Ida

Alvord of Oswego, N. Y., and has ch.: J. Alvord, Mabel Louise, Wm. Wallace.

12. John Jr., son of John and Rachel Stilson, m. Elvira Turrill in August, 1832. He was an owner in the grist-mill with his brother.

14. Andrew Turrill; m., and resides in Kansas.

15. Rachel Ann; m. Sheldon Baker of Washington, Conn.

1. Stilson, Cyrenus, b. 1772, m. Sarah, dau. of Asahel Baldwin. She d. in 1844. He died in 1846. They settled in Meredith, in western N. Y.

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| 2. Corrine; m. 1810, Medad Johnson. | 7. Edwin. |
| 3. Clara; m. Horace Jones. | 8. Marcus. |
| 4. Sally, b. 1794. | 9. Phebe. |
| 5. Baldwin. | 10. Esther, b. in 1807. |
| 6. Lyman. | |

1. Stilson, Philo, m. Mary, dau. of Dea. Benjamin Bennett, Nov. 12, 1778. He died Dec. 12, 1787, and she m. 2d Jairus Green, July 26, 1790. Ch.:

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| 2. Anna, b. May 20, 1781; m. Cyrenus Ruggles about 1800, and they removed to Ohio; had 12 ch. | Mary Ann, b. Oct. 17, 1813; Herman Hoyt, b. Dec. 25, 1815; Geo. Bennett, b. Mar. 26, 1820; Sarah Sophia, b. Feb. 13, 1826; Eliza, b. June 16, 1828. |
| 3. Philo, b. Feb. 26, 1788; m. Hannah Hoyt, Apr. 23, 1811. He removed to Ohio. Ch.: | |

1. Stilson, George, m. Grace A., dau. of Benjamin Kneeland, Jan. 7, 1865.

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| 2. Libbie, b. June 18, 1866. | 3. John Benjamin, b. May 9, 1872. |
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1. STRAIGHT, Marshall, m. Mary Buckingham Nov., 1838. She died in Sept., 1862.

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| 2. Alice, b. Aug. 13, 1840; m. M. Wickwire. | 4. Frederick Gilbert, b. Aug. 18, 1846. |
| 3. Henry Carr, b. Nov. 18, 1841; was killed in the charge at the battle of Cold Harbor, and buried on the battle-field. | 5. Orrin, b. Feb., 1850. |

STURDEVANT, John Jr., m. Sarah Barnum Mar. 28, 1782.

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| 1. Andrew, b. Jan. 17, 1785. | 4. Lucy, b. May 3, 1796. |
| 2. Sarah Ann, b. Dec. 11, 1789. | 5. John Sanford, b. June 2, 1798. |
| 3. Hannah, b. May 6, 1792. | |

5. John S., son of John Jr., and Sarah Sturdevant, m. Currence Hatch of Newtown, Mar. 14, 1819. She was born Oct. 23, 1800.

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| 6. Betsey Ann, b. Mar. 6, 1820; m. Geo. G. Smith of Brookfield; had Charlotte E., Emily S., Martha A., Mary, Julia, George S., Cornelia H. | 7. Sarah, b. Oct. 25, 1827; m. Josiah C. Roberts; had Eli S., John, Andrew, Lyman. |
| 8. Eli, b. Mar. 9, 1835. | |

8. Eli, son of John S. and Currence Sturdevant, m. Isabelle Tappan of New York City, Mar. 6, 1861.

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| 9. George Eli. | 13. Isabella Tappan. |
| 10. Angeline Augusta. | 14. Hellen Estella. |
| 11. John Sanford. | 15. Arthur Hatch. |
| 12. Franklin Ward. | |

1. Sturdevant, Stephen, m. Anne Sanford Nov. 20, 1791, and removed to Vermont.

2. Molly, b. Aug. 19, 1792.

1. SUDLOW, George, m. Thirza Fuller July 4, 1809. He resided on the plains; removed West.

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| 2. Henry Wylls, b. Feb. 28, 1811. | 5. Eliza. |
| 3. Jay. | 6. Phebe. |
| 4. Lucy Ann. | |

1. SUMMERS, Andrew, m. Ruth Beach Nov. 15, 1770.

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| 2. Augustine, b. Mar. 19, 1773; d. Nov. 15, 1775. | 6. Andrew, b. July 13, 1784. |
| 3. Augustine, b. Feb. 12, 1776; d. Mar. 8, 1796. | 7. Ruth, b. Feb. 7, 1787. |
| 4. Elijah, b. Apr. 26, 1778. | 8. Sarah, b. July 26, 1789. |
| 5. Beach, b. Aug. 23, 1780. | 9. Hannah, b. July 2, 1792. |

1. SWIFT, Judson, of Washington, N. Y., m. Jane, dau. of Moses Wanzler, Sept. 27, 1835, in the Quaker form. He had previously resided in New Milford, where the following children were recorded:

2. Mary Ann Muncy, b. Mar. 28, 1798.
3. John Milton Sales, b. Mar. 29, 1804, in Dover, N. Y.
4. Henry Albert, b. Jan. 3, 1827, in Franklin, N. Y.
5. Edwin Albert, b. Apr. 8, 1829, in Kent.
6. Elisha Albert, b. Sept. 26, 1830, in N. M.
7. Maria Elizabeth, b. July 5, 1833, in Stamford, N. Y.
8. Simeon C., b. Nov. 15, 1835, in Kent.
9. Sarah Jane, b. May 10, 1838, in Danbury.
10. Nathaniel, b. Sept. 28, 1840, in N. M.

1. TALLCOTT, Nathan, son of Joseph Tallcott, the Governor of the State of Connecticut seventeen years, m. Hannah Ferriss of New Milford, Feb. 28, 1732-3, and died Aug. 13, 1738, and his widow Hannah m. 2d, Doct. Dobson Wheeler. Mr. Tallcott's residence was on the west side of the plain where Mr. Abraham Osborn now resides, at the foot of the hill. (See page 112.)

2. Hannah, b. July 30, 1734.
3. Gaius, b. Nov. 2, 1736.
4. Nathan, b. Aug. 13, 1738.

1. JOHN TAYLOR, of Windsor, Ct., the ancestor of the Taylor families of New England, came from England with the Rev. Ephraim Hewitt in 1639, and was in Windsor as early as 1640. He sailed from near New Haven in the first ship built in the Colony, called the Phantom Ship, in January, 1645-6, of which vessel nothing has ever been heard. He left a widow and two sons, John and Thomas. His widow married a Hart, and removed to Norwalk, taking her son Thomas with her. John, the elder son, went to Northampton, Mass., and became the founder of a large family.

Children of the First John:

2. John.
3. Thomas, b. in 1643.

3. Thomas, son of John Taylor of Windsor, removed with his mother to Norwalk, Ct., where he became one of eight families, who, in the spring of 1685, made the first permanent settlement in Danbury, Ct., where he was a prominent and useful man for many years, and d. in Jan., 1735, æ. 92 years. His family were remarkable for longevity, as appears by the list of his children's ages. He m. in Norwalk, Rebecca, dau. of Edward Ketcham of Stratford.

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| 4. Thomas; died aged 90 years. | 9. Nathan; died aged 100 years. |
| 5. Joseph; " " 90 " | 10. Theophilus; " " 90 " |
| 6. John; " " 70 " | 11. Deborah; " " 80 " |
| 7. Daniel; " " 94 " | 12. Rebecca; " " 98 " |
| 8. Timothy; " " 56 " | 13. Eunice; " " 90 " |

7. Daniel, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Ketcham) Taylor, m. 1st, — Benedict, and 2d, — Starr. The following record appeared in a Connecticut journal, Aug. 17, 1770, now preserved in the Yale College Library: "On Lord's Day morning, the 12th instant, departed this life Mr. Daniel Taylor of Danbury in Connecticut, aged 94 years, wanting about two months. He was a respectable farmer, of an unblemished character, and much esteemed for his integrity and piety. He was father to Capt. Daniel Taylor of Danbury, and to the Rev. Nathaniel Taylor of New Milford. The father of the deceased was Mr. Thomas Taylor, one of the first settlers of Danbury: he lived to the 91st year of his age; had ten children, not one of whom died under the 57th year of his age, and but two of them died under 80. There are still living two brothers and two sisters of the deceased, who were all together with him the day before his death. Their several ages were as follows:

The Deceased,	.	.	.	.	94
Eldest surviving brother,	.	.	.	.	89
The youngest brother,	.	.	.	.	83
The eldest sister,	.	.	.	.	86
The youngest sister,	.	.	.	.	81
In all,	.	.	.	.	433 years.

"The two eldest sons of the family lived each of them to be 90 years of age, which being added makes seven of the family to have lived 613 years, and four of them are still living, enjoying a comfortable state of health, and a good, sound constitution of body. This aged gentleman lived to see four children of the fifth generation; that is, his grandchildren's grandchildren. 'Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.'" Ch.:

14. Nathaniel and others.

14. Rev. Nathaniel, son of Daniel and — (Starr) Taylor, was graduated at Yale College in 1745; ordained the second pastor of the Congregational Church in New Milford June 29, 1748, where he remained in the pastoral office until his death, Dec. 9, 1800, æ. 78 years. He m. Tamar, dau. of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, according to the following entry in the Town Records: "The Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Taylor and Mistress Tamar Boardman of New Milford were joined together in marriage on the 23d day of February, A. D. 1748-9, by Samuel Canfield, Justice of the Peace." She departed this life, June 27, 1795, æ. 72 years. He afterwards m. Zippora (Strong) Bennett, who was a native of Long Island. Ch.:

15. John Boardman, b. Jan. 17, 1750; d. Feb. 18. Augustine, b. Nov. 29, 1755.

4, 1750.

16. Urania, b. July 23, 1751; m. Daniel Everett, Esq.

19. Tamar, b. July 5, 1759; m. Nicholas S. Masters, Esq.

20. William, b. Mar. 20, 1764.

17. Nathaniel, b. Apr. 7, 1753.

Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, in his youth was a great athlete. When in college, an irate tutor rushed out one day from the college buildings and demanded to know who sent a foot-ball through his window. "I, sir," said Taylor. "What did you do it for?" "I was trying to kick it over the college, sir." "Well, try it again!" and in an instant over it went, the first and perhaps the only time the feat was performed. While pastor at New Milford, a hurricane had blown down the fences two or three miles below the village; when hearing of it, he mounted his fleetest horse, rode forth, and told some men to go quickly and drive out the cattle which had gone into the corn, and he went like a whirlwind to warn the owners, by which promptness much damage was prevented. It is related, that at a certain time there was to be a great horse-race in the neighborhood, and a person came and asked to take one of his horses which was thought to be the finest in the town. He replied, "Oh, it won't do for a minister to patronize horse-racing — it won't do!" The man turned to leave, but as he reached the door Mr. Taylor called to him, "You will find the saddle and bridle hanging in the wood-house." The house next south of the Congregational Church he built for his oldest son, Nathaniel, and there his children were born and reared. There are five large portraits of Mr. Taylor and his wife, painted by Earl, an English artist. He is represented in his pulpit with a small Bible in his hand, given him by his father, and which is now in the possession of Mrs. President Porter, as are also some of his sermons written on very small sized paper. This Bible, he always held in his hand while preaching, having his sermons in this Bible, it being in so fine writing and the paper so small that it would lay in the Bible and not be seen by the congregation. Some of his sermons were on paper nearly double the size of the others, but could be held in the same Bible. These portraits were in possession of the great-grandson, George Taylor of New Milford.

17. Col. Nathaniel, son of Rev. Nathaniel and Tamar Taylor, m. Ann Northrop, Aug. 31, 1774. She was b. Apr. 14, 1751, and d. Apr. 10, 1810, æ. 59 years. He m. 2d, Susanna Gunn, widow of Abner Gunn, Dec. 7, 1812. He d. Feb.

12, 1818, in his 65th year. He was the only son of three brothers who was not educated at Yale College; he preferring the business of apothecary and druggist, in which he devoted nearly all his life in New Milford, being often called Doctor Taylor. Of him his granddaughter, Mrs. President Porter, writes: "He died when I was too young to remember him, and not residing in the same place my knowledge of his life and character are limited; I only know that he was respected and loved, and was a kind, indulgent husband and father: and, judging from his letters found among my father's papers, he must have been a person of religious principle, if not a professing Christian." He and his wife were received to the fellowship of the Church under the "half-way covenant," Nov. 2, 1777, and his son John, then one month and twelve days old, was baptized. Large portraits of him and his wife, painted by Earl, are in the possession of the Boardman family, and there is a group of three children, life-size, when the youngest, Nathaniel W., was twelve years of age and his brother twenty-one, owned by Mrs. Charlotte Huntington, the eldest child of their son John.

21. Laura, b. Oct. 11, 1775; d. Sep. 11, 1776. 24. Nathaniel William, b. June 23, 1786.
22. John, b. Sep. 20, 1777.
23. Charlotte, b. Mar. 20, 1782; m. David S. Boardman.

18. Gen'l Augustine, son of Rev. Nathaniel and Tamar Taylor, m. Huldah, dau. of Col. Samuel Canfield. He possessed a remarkable personal figure, and hence was very much admired as a military man, and is said to have been in every respect "a most elegant man." Huldah, his widow, d. in New York, Apr. 19, 1844.

26. Maria A., b. May 6, 1790. 28. William A., b. Sep. 18, 1794; d. July 29, 1852.
27. Harriet Honoria, b. Oct. 4, 1793; d. Apr. 23, 1868. 29. Lara Loraine, b. July 12, 1795.
30. Samuel Nathaniel, b. Oct., 1786; d. in 1787.

20. Col. William, son of Rev. Nathaniel and Tamar Taylor, m. Abigail Starr of Danbury, Dec. 3, 1786, who d. August 17, 1845. He d. Feb. 24, 1841.

31. Daniel S., b. Feb. 6, 1788; d. Sep. 4, 1807; unm. 34. Lawrence, b. May 14, 1798; d. at Bangor, Me., June 19, 1857; unm.
32. William H. (Doct.), b. Aug. 11, 1790; m. Harriet, dau. of Hon. Homer Boardman. 35. George (Doct.), b. Aug. 4, 1802.
33. Rebecca Maria, b. Aug. 1, 1792; m. Col. Samuel Canfield.

22. John, son of Nathaniel and Anne (Northrop) Taylor, m. Sophia Demming of Wethersfield. He built a small house on the west side of Main street, which constitutes now a part of the residence of Mr. S. E. Bostwick, and conducted a store for a few years; then he made the house next south of the Cong. Church his residence.

36. Charlotte; m. Rev. Enoch Huntington. 38. Sophia; m. Benjamin Sherman of New Haven.
37. Mary; m. 1st, Henry McMahon; 2d, — Coles.

22. Rev. Nathaniel W., D.D., son of Nathaniel and Anne (Northrop) Taylor, m. Rebecca Maria, dau. of Maj. Beebe Hine, Oct. 15, 1810. She d. in New Haven, Aug. 26, 1868. He d. in New Haven, Mar. 10, 1858, æ. 71. (See Biog.)

36. Mary; m. Rev. Noah Porter. 39. Rebecca; m. W. T. Hatch, a banker of New York city.
37. Harriet; m. Rev. Samuel G. Buckingham, D.D., now pastor at Springfield, Mass. 40. Emily Webster; d. young.
38. Susan; m. Doct. A. B. Robeson of New York city. 41. Nathan W.; m.; lived and d. in Bloomfield, Conn.

35. George, M.D., son of Col. William and Abigail Taylor, m. Harriet D., dau. of James Allen, Oct. 25, 1826. She d. Jan. 19, 1817, æ. 41. He d. Jan 14, 1881. (See Biog.)

42. Charles. York city, May 31, 1854; had George Taylor and Thomas E.

42. Charles, M.D., son of George and Harriet D. Taylor, m. Olivia, dau. of James Croft of Pauling, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1861. (See list of Physicians) Ch. :

44. Maggie. 46. William H.; d. æ. 4 years.

45. Harriet Allen. 47. Infant; d.

Taylor, Nathaniel, Jr., m. Hannah, dau. of Abraham Gillett, Mar. 5, 1760.

2. Elizabeth, b. July 22, 1761.

4. Catharine, b. June 30, 1765.

3. Deidamia, b. Nov. 21, 1763.

Taylor, Eli, m. Eunice.

2. Eunice, b. July 20, 1763.

4. Ziba, b. July 16, 1767.

3. John, b. Aug. 1, 1765.

Taylor, Nathan, m. Sally, dau. of Joseph Giddings, about 1806, and resided in Northville, N. M.

2. Amanda; m. ——— Beers of Brookfield, Conn.

ch.: Mary A., m. Isaac B. Prindle; Esther

3. Daniel; lives in Brookfield.

A., Walter, George, Ellen L., Alice A.,

4. Julia A.; m. June 13, 1832, Lucius E. Buckingham. They reside in Woodbury, and had

Polly.

1. Dea. Job, son of Daniel Terrill, m. Sarah, dau. of Ephraim and Sarah Burwell of Milford, Jan. 8, 1734-5. He purchased a Right of land of Joseph Guernsey, Apr. 4, 1728, and settled here soon after, if not before that date. He was appointed deacon in the Cong. Church in 1738.

2. Job, b. Nov. 3, 1736; d. Nov. 13, 1736.

3. Mary, b. July 27, 1740.

1. Gamaliel, m. Elizabeth Scott of Waterbury May 17, 1725. He and his brother Josiah bought land in New Milford first in 1719, and their first survey was made in 1720, at Park Lane. Josiah did not settle here, but Gamaliel did about 1720.

2. Joshua, b. Dec. 18, 1725.

5. Amos, b. May 11, 1732.

3. Benjamin, b. Apr. 17, 1728.

6. Mercy, b. Dec. 22, 1733; d. June 23, 1737.

4. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 14, 1729.

7. Mercy, b. Apr. 4, 1738.

1. TERRILL, Caleb, son of Daniel Terrill of Milford, m. Abigail Bassett of Stratford in 1739. He was born in 1718, and died Feb. 29, 1796, æ. 78. She was born June 8, 1720, died Nov. 1, 1817, æ. 97.

2. Enoch, b. Aug. 12, 1740.

10. Job, b. Apr. 17, 1758; killed by falling from a load of hay.

3. Caleb, b. Nov. 10, 1742.

11. Joel, b. June 8, 1760.

4. Abigail, b. Nov. 15, 1744.

12. Jared, b. Oct. 18, 1762.

5. Stephen, b. Nov. 7, 1746; a soldier in the French and Revolutionary Wars.

13. Benjamin, b. Dec. 15, 1765; drowned at the Great Falls while fishing.

6. Isaac, b. May 22, 1749.

14. Major, } b. Nov. 26, 1768.

7. Freelove, b. Sept. 22, 1751.

15. Doctor, } b. Nov. 56, 1768; died Oct. 14, 1790,

8. Mary, b. Dec. 6, 1753.

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9. John, b. Mar. 16, 1756; a soldier in the Revolution.

3. Caleb, Jr., son of Caleb and Abigail Terrill, m. Eunice Cogswell Jan. 27, 1768.

16. Phebe, b. Sep. 8, 1768.

18. Caleb, b. Mar. 2, 1773.

17. Eunice, b. Nov. 3, 1770.

5. Stephen, son of Caleb and Abigail Terrill, m. Hepzibah Griffith of Reading, Feb. 7, 1781. He was a soldier in the French War and in the Revolution, and died in Vermont, aged 101.

19. Lucy, b. Apr. 13, 1782.

21. Betsey, b. Aug. 9, 1786.

20. Joel, b. May 13, 1784.

22. Stephen Sanford, b. Jan. 23, 1789.

9. *John*, son of Caleb and Abigail Terrill, was a soldier in the Revolution, and m. Elizabeth, dau. of James Buck, Oct. 18, 1786. She died Mar. 16, 1812, and he m. 2d, Polly Stilson, Oct. 13, 1819. He died Feb. 19, 1829. His widow Polly m. a ——— Stilson, and d. July 27, 1858.

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| 23. Marinda, b. Aug. 1, 1787; m. David Clark of New Milford; d. Feb. 5, 1831. | 26. Sherman, b. Aug. 9, 1795. |
| 24. Harmon, b. July 30, 1790; m. Mahala Hungerford; removed to Utica, N. Y. | 27. Hetty S., b. Mar. 24, 1799; m. 1st, Henry Allen; 2d, William N. Mygatt; d. Nov. 3, 1881. |
| 25. Berintha, b. Sept. 14, 1793; m. Jeremiah Smith; removed to Milford, Conn. | 28. Minor, b. Jan. 13, 1802. |

12. *Jared*, son of Caleb and Abigail Terrill, m. Hannah, dau. of James Buck, Feb. 22, 1789; removed to Ohio.

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| 29. Laura, b. Mar. 2, 1790; m. Isaac Stone. | 33. Paulina, b. Jan. 20, 1800; m. Seneca Foster. |
| 30. Salmon, b. Apr. 24, 1792. | 34. Benjamin G., b. June 22, 1802. |
| 31. Fanny, b. Oct. 7, 1794; d. Feb. 2, 1806. | 35. Samantha, b. Aug. 14, 1804. |
| 32. Chariana, b. May 18, 1797; m. Marsh Mills. | 36. Heman B., b. Mar. 23, 1808. |

26. *Sherman*, son of John and Elizabeth Turrill, m. Mary Stuart of Sherman, Dec. 31, 1821. She died July 27, 1858, and he died Nov. 5, 1859.

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| 37. Jane E., b. Feb. 3, 1823; m. John W. Addis Oct. 29, 1858; d. July 25, 1867. | 39. Catharine A., b. Oct. 9, 1829; m. Samuel Smith Dec. 20, 1865, who died Mar. 12, 1873. |
| 38. John S., b. Feb. 8, 1825. | 40. Mary E., b. June 9, 1831; d. Oct. 12, 1856. |

28. *Minor*, son of John and Elizabeth Turrill, m. Catharine Stewart of Sherman, May 10, 1832. She died Mar. 16, 1864, and he died Nov. 21, 1866.

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| 41. P. Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1833; m. Edgar C. Wells Oct. 26, 1859. | 44. Lucy M., b. Jan. 17, 1839; d. Oct. 26, 1861. |
| 42. Charlotte A., b. July 9, 1835; d. June 2, 1861. | 45. Henry S., b. Sept. 8, 1842. |
| 43. Edward P., b. Mar. 19, 1837. | 46. Harriet M., b. Feb. 15, 1844; d. Mar. 2, 1864. |
| | 47. Frederick J., b. Aug. 15, 1848. |

38. *John S.*, son of Sherman and Mary Turrill, m. Lucy Marsh of New Milford, Oct. 23, 1866.

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| 48. John W. | 50. Grace H. |
| 49. Sherman W. | 51. Catharine A. |

43. *Edward P.*, son of Minor and Catharine Turrill, m. Mary E. Wanser Sept. 15, 1864.

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| Harriet Alice. | Charles. |
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45. *Henry S.*, son of Minor and Catharine Turrill, m. Marion C. Schapps of Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1877.

1. *Capt. James*, m. Abigail Buck June 22, 1741. She died Jan. 9, 1774.

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| 2. Ebenezer, b. Apr. 3, 1742. | 8. Zeruia, b. Apr. 25, 1752. |
| 3. Job, b. July 3, 1743; d. Nov. 24, 1751. | 9. Anne, b. Apr. 8, 1754. |
| 4. James, b. Dec. 31, 1744. | 10. Beebe, b. June 20, 1756. |
| 5. Mary, b. Nov. 10, 1746; d. Jan. 5, 1746-7. | 11. Rachel, b. May 1, 1758. |
| 6. Mary, b. Feb. 28, 1747-8. | 12. Job, b. Apr. 27, 1760. |
| 7. Beebe, b. Sept. 25, 1750; d. Nov. 15, 1751. | 13. Abigail, b. June 30, 1762. |

2. *Ebenezer*, son of Capt. James and Abigail Terrill, went to Lenox, Mass., when nine years of age (1751) to reside. He m. Lois Hall of New Preston, Conn., Feb. 26, 1766, and resided in Lenox until the spring of 1786, when he removed to Shoreham, Vt., where he resided until his death, July 15, 1825, aged 83 years. His widow Lois died Jan. 8, 1827. He was a farmer, and a leading citizen in the town of Shoreham, and in the church, and a justice of the peace some years. Ch.:

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| 14. Beebe, b. Feb. 16, 1767, in New Milford. | 16. James, b. May 24, 1772. |
| 15. Daniel, b. Aug. 17, 1769, in Lenox. | 17. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 3, 1774. |

1. *Titus, Jerome*, m. Sally A., dau. of John Soule of New Milford.

2. Stiles; d. young.

3. Clarence A.

1. *TREADWELL, Hezekiah*, son of Thomas Treadwell, m. Mehetable Minor in 1730, and resided in Stratford. He soon after became a Lieut. in the army. He died in 1761, aged 53 years. His wife Mehetable was born in 1709, and died in 1763, aged 54 years.

2. Catharine, b. May 27, 1731; m.

8. Joseph, b. Dec. 6, 1742; d. in 1813.

3. Naomi, b. Nov. 17, 1732; d. Aug., 1744.

9. David, b. Nov. 8, 1744; shot by accident in New York city, Mar. 25, 1776.

4. Agur, b. Dec. 16, 1734; d. Aug. 19, 1764.

10. John, b. Jan. 23, 1746; d. Mar. 25, 1776.

5. Mehetable, b. Oct. 17, 1736; m.

11. Naomi, b. Dec. 27, 1749.

6. Hezekiah, } twins, b. Feb. 14, 1741.

7. Mary,

6. *Hezekiah, 2d*, son of Hezekiah and Mehetable Treadwell, m. 1st, Sally Banks of Stratford, in 1763. She died in 1776 or 7. He m. 2d, Abiah Stilson of N. M., Mar. 17, 1779. She was born in Newtown, Conn., 1751, and died Oct. 27, 1793. He m. 3d, Esther Hall, in 1795, a native of Bridgeport.

12. Mehetable, b. Feb. 19, 1764; m. Lemuel Morehouse of Brookfield, Conn.

20. Minor, b. Jan. 14, 1784; m. Mary Roberts of N. M., and died at Croton, N. Y., June 5, 1863.

13. Agur, b. Mar. 29, 1766.

21. Hezekiah, b. Jan. 19, 1786; d. Mar. 17, 1830.

14. Samuel, b. Feb. 2, 1768; d. in 1776.

22. Samuel, b. May 25, 1788.†

15. Catharine, b. May 5, 1770.

23. Hermon, b. June 1, 1790; d. at Croton, Oct. 7, 1861.

16. Minor, b. June 25, 1772; drowned in New Milford in 1776.

24. Charity, b. Dec. 4, 1792.

17. Joseph, b. Feb. 10, 1775.

By 3d wife.

18. Sally, b. Apr. 1, 1780; d. Oct. 28, 1843.

25. Abiah, b. Apr. 10, 1797.

19. Lucretia, b. June 26, 1782.

26. Esther, b. Mar. 14, 1799.

22. *Samuel*, son of Hezekiah and Abiah Treadwell, m. Jane, dau. of Asa Prime, Dec. 23, 1810.

27. John Prime, b. Oct. 6, 1811.

29. Phebe Lucretia, b. Dec. 4, 1821; m. Alexander M. Anderson, Feb. 4, 1852.

28. Henry Ressigue, b. Jan. 17, 1817.

27. *John P.*, son of Samuel and Jane Treadwell, m. Mary Esther, dau. of Buckingham Lockwood of Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 8, 1841.

30. Mary Elizabeth, b. July 19, 1843.

33. Julia A. L., b. May 14, 1852; m. Mortimer McRoberts.

31. Julia Abigail Lockwood, b. Dec. 6, 1845; d.

34. John Prime, b. Aug. 17, 1854.

32. Buckingham Lockwood, b. Feb. 10, 1850; d.

28. *Henry R.*, son of Samuel and Jane Treadwell, m. 1st, Martha D., dau. of Eli Mygatt, May 16, 1843. She d. Oct. 20, 1859. He m. 2d, Clarissa R. Mygatt.

15. John Henry, b. June 19, 1844.

38. Clarissa Mygatt, b. Aug. 29, 1855.

36. Jane Prime, b. May 15, 1848; m.

39. Martha Downs, b. May 12, 1859.

37. Chauncey Bush, b. Nov. 23, 1852.

34. *John P., 2d*, son of John P. and Mary E. Treadwell, m. Millie C., dau. of Charles H. Booth. He is a clerk in his father-in-law's store. Ch.:

40. Charles Booth.

41. John Prime.

1. *Treadwell, Lambert Lewis*, who was the son of David, son of Benjamin, the son of Edward Treadwell, was b. Sept. 23, 1783; m. Polly, dau. of Josiah and Sarah Booth, Sept. 23, 1800. She was b. Dec. 9, 1783, and d. Jan. 20, 1850.

2. David, b. Apr. 4, 1801.

6. Caroline Elizabeth, b. Mar. 25, 1816.

3. Sarah Emeline, b. Dec. 19, 1808.

7. Harriet, b. Aug. 2, 1821.

4. Orin Bronson, b. Sept. 5, 1812.

8. Hoyt Bradley, b. Feb. 4, 1823.

5. Laura Ann, b. June 26, 1814.

1. *TREAT, Gov. Robert*, was born in England in 1621; came to America in company with his brother Richard, with Sir Richard Saltonstall, and

settled at Wethersfield, where his brother remained and his descendants became numerous: Robert Treat removed to Milford with the Rev. Peter Prudden, the first minister at Milford, and was then in the 18th year of his age, being one of the first settlers in that town. He soon became a very active, influential citizen. In 1670 he was appointed Major of the Connecticut troops, and Colonel in 1674, and served in the Indian wars. In 1674 he was chosen Deputy Governor, and in 1683 Governor of the State, and was annually elected to that office fifteen years, when he declined a re-election. He was afterwards Deputy Governor again, so that he served the State as Governor and Deputy Governor about thirty years. His residence was in Milford, where he died July 12, 1710, in the 89th year of his age. He m. 1st, Jane, only child of Edmund Tapp, one of the first settlers of Milford. She d. Apr. 8, 1703, and he m. 2d, Oct. 24, 1705, widow Elizabeth Bryan, who d. Jan. 10, 1706. The Governor's name stands at the head of the list of New Milford Proprietors as Col. Robert Treat. Ch.:

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| 2. Robert. | settled in Newark, N. J., among the early settlers of that place. |
| 3. Jane. | |
| 4. Samuel, b. in 1648; was graduated at Harvard in 1669, and settled in the ministry at Eastham, Mass. | 10. Hannah, b. in 1659; m. Rev. Samuel Mather. He graduated at Harvard, 1698; preached at Deerfield, Hatfield, and Windsor. |
| 5. John, b. in 1650. | 11. Joseph, b. in 1663; m. |
| 6. Mary, b. in 1652; m. Azariah Crane, and in 1671 they settled in Newark, N. J. | 12. Abigail; m. Rev. Samuel Andrew, who was ordained in Milford, Mar. 15, 1685, a pastor. He was a landholder in New Milford. Their dau. Abigail was the wife of Gov. Law. |
| 7. Robert, b. in 1654. | |
| 8. Sarah, b. in 1655; d. young. | |
| 9. Sarah, b. in 1656; m. Jonathan Crane, and | |

11. Lieut. Joseph, son of Gov. Robert and Jane Treat, m. Frances Bryan of Grassy Hill, Milford. He was an original proprietor in N. M. He d. in 1731.

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| 13. Frances, b. Dec. 16, 1690. | 19. Richard, b. Sept. 28, 1708. |
| 14. Joseph, b. Mar. 21, 1693. | 20. Edward, b. Nov. 20, 1710. |
| 15. Ann, b. Jan. 30, 1696. | 21. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 12, 1712. |
| 16. John, b. Dec. 24, 1697. | 22. Samuel, b. Apr. 13, 1714. |
| 17. Sarah, b. June 6, 1699; m. Richard Bryan. | 23. Stephen, b. Oct. 10, 1715. |
| 18. Jane, b. Sept. 11, 1702. | |

14. Joseph, 2d, son of Joseph and Frances Treat, m. Hannah Buckingham, June 9, 1720. She d. May 25, 1733. He m. 2d, Clemence Buckingham, sister or cousin of his first wife, Sep. 27, 1734. He d. in May, 1772, in his 80th year.

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| 24. Joseph, b. July 9, 1721; d. Aug. 12, 1721. | 31. Stephen, b. June 22, 1741. |
| 25. Joseph, b. Nov. 28, 1722. | 32. Clemence, b. July 18, 1743. |
| 26. John, b. Sep. 4, 1724. | 33. Sarah, b. July 20, 1745. |
| 27. Hannah, b. May 14, 1728. | 34. Gideon, b. Oct. 2, 1747. |

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| 28. Richard, b. Feb. 2, 1735; d. Apr. 8, 1760. | 35. Frances; m. Gideon Camp, and settled in Washington, Ct. |
| 29. Gideon, b. May 1, 1737; d. Oct. 10, 1746. | 36. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 5, 1752. |
| 30. Jane, b. Aug. 26, 1739. | 37. David, b. Dec. 3, 1756. |

26. John, son of Joseph, Jr., and Hannah Treat, came to that part of N. M. now Bridgewater a young man, and m. Phebe, dau. of Jehiel Hawley, Oct. 3, 1750. (Town Record says Aug. 17, 1749.) He settled in Bridgewater part of New Milford about the time of his marriage. (See page 388.) He died May, 1804, in his 80th year.

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| 38. Sarah, b. Nov. 3, 1752; m. David Summers. | 43. Clara, b. Dec. 19, 1768; m. Caleb Beach. |
| 39. Hannah, b. Feb. 25, 1754; d. Mar. 29, 1754. | 44. John, b. Apr. 26, 1771; d. May 6, 1771. |
| 40. Hannah, b. Mar. 29, 1757; m. Ralph Keeler. | 45. John Hawley. |
| 41. Abijah, b. Dec. 30, 1761. | 46. Phebe; m. John Canfield. |
| 42. Anna, b. June 25, 1766; m. Ralph Smith. | 47. Polly; m. Nathan Betts. |

34. Gideon, son of Joseph 2d, and Clemence Treat, m. Lucretia Washborn, Nov. 13, 1770. She was b. Sep. 16, 1750, in Derby, and d. Mar. 3, 1847, æ. 96 years. He d. July 11, 1811, æ. 63 years.

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| 48. Joseph, b. July 25, 1771; d. Jan. 20, 1774. | 53. Daniel Allen, b. May 8, 1778. |
| 49. Minerva, b. Feb. 22, 1773; d. Feb. 4, 1776. | 54. Lucretia, b. Oct. 25, 1779; not m. |
| 50. Joseph, b. July 3, 1774; d. Mar. 26, 1776. | 55. Stephen, b. Aug. 9, 1781. |
| 51. Azel, b. Nov. 14, 1775; d. Mar. 15, 1776. | 56. Joseph, b. Dec. 10, 1783. |
| 52. Gideon Washborn, b. Feb. 5, 1777; not m. | 57. Homer, b. Aug. 7, 1788. |

41. Abijah, son of John and Phebe Treat, m. Abigail Canfield, Mar. 6, 1783. She was born Mar. 20, 1762, and d. Mar. 3, 1844. He d. Oct. 3, 1837. He was a successful, influential farmer on his father's homestead.

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| 58. Joseph C., b. Aug. 11, 1783. | 61. Almon, b. July 25, 1795. |
| 59. Almon, b. Oct. 1, 1785; d. Mar. 17, 1794. | 62. Lorana, b. Feb. 2, 1798. |
| 60. Lorana, b. Jan. 23, 1789; d. Feb. 24, 1794. | |

45. John H., son of John and Phebe Treat, m. Sally Randall, Nov. 25, 1794. She died Mar. 15, 1811, aged 33.

62. Horace, b. Sep. 14, 1795.

53. Daniel A., son of Gideon and Lucretia Treat, m. Almira Sherman, Nov. 30, 1809. He died Feb. 1, 1828.

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| 64. Harvey, b. Aug. 26, 1810. | 66. Amos Sherman, } twins, b. Feb. 5, 1816. |
| 65. Harmon, b. July 24, 1812. | 67. Mary Brown, } |
| | 68. Charles, b. Jan. 7, 1821. |

55. Stephen, son of Gideon and Lucretia Treat, m. 1st, Thirza Welton, Mar. 28, 1811; m. 2d, Clara Smith, dau. of Anna Treat, who m. Ralph Smith. No children. He died Sep. 5, 1849.

56. Rev. Joseph, son of Gideon and Lucretia Treat, became a clergyman in Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, where he died May 9, 1841, æ. 57. He m. Julia, dau. of Jabez Burrill of Sheffield, Ohio. (See Biog.) Ch. :

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| 69. Samuel Worcester, b. Sep. 19, 1821. | 72. Julia Eliza, b. June 9, 1827, d. Sep. 19, 1828. |
| 70. Joseph Burrill, b. Nov. 8, 1823. | 73. Julia Eliza (2d), b. Aug. 30, 1830. |
| 71. Mary Lucretia, b. Nov. 11, 1825. | 74. Sarah Maria, b. Feb. 19, 1833. |

57. Homer, son of Gideon and Lucretia Treat, m. Beulah Fairchild. He died Nov. 20, 1855.

75. Julia; d. Dec. 21, 1837.

58. Joseph C., son of Abijah and Abigail Treat, m. Lucy Gorham; residence in Bridgewater.

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| 76. Madison A.; m. in Roxbury. | 81. Joseph E.; m. Ellen Moore; resides in Chicago. |
| 77. Royal; went to South Dower, N. Y. | 82. Benjamin. |
| 78. Sarah A.; resides in Bridgewater. | 83. Arza; m. Susan O. Bassett of Meriden, where he resides. |
| 79. Mary A.; m. William Ruggles of Bridgewater. | |
| 80. Daniel A.; m. in Great Barrington, Mass. where he resides. | |

61. Almon, son of Abijah and Abigail Treat, m. Hannah Randall, Dec. 13, 1821.

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| 84. Flora F., b. Dec. 3, 1822. | 86. Adeline, b. Sep. 4, 1827. |
| 85. Caroline; b. July 3, 1825; d. July 24, 1826. | 87. Nancy L., b. June 24, 1830. |

64. Harvey, son of Daniel A. and Almira Treat, m. 1st, — Jackson; 2d,

65. Harmon, son of Daniel A. and Mary E. Treat, m. Almira, dau. of John Wooster.

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| 88. Helen J. | 91. D. Allen; m. P. Belle Meeker; resides in Bridgeport. |
| 89. Julia A.; m. Charles Sanford of Roxbury. | 92. Susan C. |
| 90. Emily A. | 93. Harmon Wooster. |

66. Hon. Amos S., son of Daniel A. and Almira Treat, m. Mary A., only dau. of Treat Clark of Woodbridge, Ct., Dec. 15, 1869. He is a lawyer, and resides in Bridgeport, Ct.

94. Mary Clark.

68. Charles, son of Daniel A. and Almira Treat, m. E. Augusta, dau. of Dea. Simeon Platt of South Britain, Feb. 21, 1854, and resides on the homestead of his uncle.

95. Stephen.

97. Francis Maria.

96. Eliza Almira.

82. Benjamin, son of Joseph C. and Lucy Treat, m. 1st, Betsey Ruggles of Brookfield; 2d, Mary A. Alvord of Oswego, N. Y.

98. Susan O.; m. H. S. Deers of Brookfield.

1. TUCKER, Uriah, m. Eunice Dayton, Feb. 2, 1762.

2. Lois, b. Nov. 16, 1762.

5. Sarah, b. Oct. 26, 1775.

3. Chloe, b. Feb. 28, 1764.

6. Anne, b. June 27, 1778.

4. Eunice, b. Apr. 7, 1766.

7. Eli, b. Aug. 4, 1785.

1. TURNER, John, m. Sarah Oviatt, Jan. 21, 1773.

2. Amos, b. Aug. 29, 1773.

4. Abigail, b. Nov. 13, 1775.

3. John, b. Apr. 17, 1774.

1. WADHAMS, Rev. Noah, pastor of the Congregational Church at New Preston, and Elizabeth Ingersoll of Sheffield were married Nov. 8, 1758, by Rev. Samuel Hopkins, minister of Great Barrington.

2. Noah Ingersoll, b. Oct. 14, 1761.

4. Calvin, b. Dec. 22, 1765.

3. Annis, b. Nov. 20, 1763.

1. WAKELINE, Thomas B., m. Anne Smith, Feb. 22, 1783.

2. Eleazer X., b. Nov. 6, 1784.

6. Solomon, b. Mar. 17, 1793.

3. John S., b. Oct. 3, 1786.

7. Harry, b. Apr. 19, 1796.

4. Sally, b. May 5, 1788.

8. Wm. S., b. Apr. 17, 1799.

5. Thomas, b. May 10, 1791.

1. WALLER, Joseph, called a blacksmith in 1729, came from Litchfield, and earlier from Woodbury. He had a wife, Hannah, who died Feb. 4, 1747, and he married Mrs. Abigail Starr Sept. 22, 1748. He settled in New Milford at the South Farms, in the spring of 1728; had a large farm. He died in 1788, in his 88th year.

2. Abigail, b. Oct. 1, 1727, at Litchfield.

6. Eunice, b. July 4, 1736.

3. Hannah, b. Apr. 18, 1729; m. Nov. 13, 1751, Joshua Stevens of Danbury.

7. Olive, b. Oct. 4, 1738; d. Sept. 15, 1739.

4. Joseph, b. Oct. 25, 1731.

8. Olive, b. Dec. 6, 1740.

5. Rachel, b. May 26, 1734.

9. Benjamin, b. Dec. 4, 1742; d. Sept. 3, 1745.

4. Joseph, son of Joseph and Hannah Waller, m. Sarah Dibble Nov. 9, 1757.

10. Hannah, b. Aug. 16, 1758.

11. John, b. Oct. 7, 1759.

1. Waller, Joseph, of New Preston, m. Sarah Motris Aug. 5, 1756.

2. Silas, b. May 19, 1757.

6. David, b. Nov. 14, 1767.

3. Sarah, b. July 29, 1759.

7. David, b. Sept. 1, 1768.

4. Benoni Stubbins, b. Mar. 5, 1762.

8. Asahel, b. Mar. 6, 1770.

5. Mary, b. Jan. 26, 1765.

9. Comfort, b. Mar. 27, 1772.

1. Waller, Samuel, m. Sarah Chapman Nov. 23, 1773.

2. Samuel, b. Nov. 21, 1774.

1. WANZER, Lieut. Abraham, was a lieutenant in the French War in America. He came from Long Island to New Fairfield. He m. and had sons.

2. Anthony; d. in Sherman, and many of his de-

scendants removed to Pa.

3. Moses.

3. *Moses*, son of Abraham Wanzer, m. Elizabeth Knapp of Danbury, and resided near his father's homestead in Sherman, where he died Aug. 10, 1772.

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| 4. Nicholas. | 8. Husted. |
| 5. Moses. | 9. John. |
| 6. Abraham. | 10. Elizabeth; m. ——— Haviland. |
| 7. Ebenezer, b. June 3, 1760. | 11. Abigail; m. 1st, ——— Drinkwater. |

4. *Nicholas*, son of Abraham Wanzer, Sen., m. ———, and resided at Lanesville. He was partner in the ownership at one time, of the Iron Works at Lanesville, and of the Grist-mill at the Great Falls about 1806. Ch.:

114. *Moses*; the son of Abraham, Jr., was adopted by his Uncle Nicholas.

6. *Abraham, Jr.*, son of Moses and Elizabeth Wanzer, m. 1st, ———, dau. of Zebulon Ferriss; 2d, ———, dau. of Read Ferriss; 3d, Jane Stevenson, Apr. 26, 1786. He resided on the plains below Gallows Hill. Ch.:

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| By 1st wife. | 14. Anna; m. Wm. S. Olmstead; removed to Ohio. |
| 12. Zebulon Ferriss; m. Sibyl Wing Dec. 21, 1796. | 15. Benjamin. |
| By 2d wife. | |
| 13. <i>Moses</i> ; adopted by his Uncle Nicholas. | |

7. *Ebenezer*, son of Moses and Elizabeth Wanzer, Sen., m. Betsey Hendrick Mar. 4, 1786. She was born Mar. 1, 1766, and died June 5, 1847. He died Apr. 24, 1839. He settled on the hill, on Vaughn's Neck, in the southeast corner of the town of Sherman, where he continued to purchase land from time to time, until he was owner of nearly 1,000 acres, being an industrious and enterprising citizen.

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| 16. David, b. Aug. 15, 1787; d. Dec. 11, 1855, unm. | Pawling, N. Y., June 27, 1811; d. Apr. 22, 1819; no ch. |
| 17. Phebe, b. Sept. 17, 1790; m. Lewis Haveland Oct. 24, 1816; d. leaving children, Ebenezer W., and Betsey. | 19. Ira, b. Apr. 17, 1796; m. |
| 18. Anna, b. Aug. 16, 1793; m. David Merritt of | 20. Ebenezer, b. Nov. 3, 1799; m. |
| | 21. Hiram, b. Mar. 1, 1803; m. |
| | 22. William, b. Oct. 12, 1807; m. |

19. *Ira*, son of Ebenezer and Betsey Wanzer, m. Laura Hayes. She died Mar. 5, 1879.

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| 23. Mary. | 26. Betsey. |
| 24. David. | 27. Hiram L. |
| 25. Flora. | |

20. *Ebenezer, Jr.*, son of Ebenezer and Betsey Wanzer, m. Lucy, dau. of Ebenezer Leach of Sherman, Oct. 6, 1820. His residence was in the northwest corner of Brookfield, where he died Apr. 7, 1875. His widow Lucy was born July 4, 1800, and is still living, and has an old high case brass clock, the case of which was made in New Milford by Benjamin Platt before 1800. This clock marked the hour of the day, the day of the month, the changes of the moon, and has two hemisphere maps on the upper edge of the face. It still keeps time quite correctly, and its cherry case is well preserved. Ebenezer Leach, grandfather of Mrs. Lucy, was a working Tory, and the government confiscated all his property. He received a farm from the King in Canada, and drew a pension.

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| 28. Phebe L. | 30. Betsey Ann; d. Aug. 27, 1849. |
| 29. William L. | |

21. *Hiram*, son of Ebenezer and Betsey Wanzer, m. 1st, Flora Leach, who died Aug. 23, 1829; 2d, Anna Treadwell. He died June 3, 1834. Ch.:

By 1st wife.

31. Levi Leach; d. July 23, 1842.

22. *William*, son of Ebenezer and Betsey Wanzer, m. Hannah, dau. of Zechariah Ferriss, Sept. 27, 1832. She was born Dec. 21, 1813. His farm and residence is on the west side of the plains below Lanesville, at the north end of

Carman Hill, or what was called for many years Beers's Hill. His farm includes a part of the old Capt. John Warner place. There seems to have been an Indian encampment about where his barns stand, since quantities of the broken flint stones from which they made arrow heads have been found there. Mr. Wanzer found a fine stone tomahawk, and also a stone implement for stretching bow-strings, near his house. He also found in the Wood Creek meadow land a stone implement shaped like a kitchen chopping knife—the edge and handle being circular. He has also a fragment of an Indian soap-stone pot, found in the sand-bank at the railroad station near the Great Falls.

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| 32. Charles H., b. Mar. 31, 1834; m. | 37. Ellen Hendrick; took a four years' course of study at the Ossining Institute for young ladies at Sing Sing, and is a school teacher. |
| 33. Laura Cordelia, b. Oct. 30, 1837; d. Nov. 10, 1837. | 38. Anna; graduated at Maplewood Music Seminary, East Haddam, Conn., and is a music teacher. |
| 34. Hannah Cordelia, b. July 3, 1839. | |
| 35. William Henry, b. Mar. 8, 1841; d. Oct. 26, 1850. | |
| 36. Son, b. Feb. 7, 1846; d. same day. | |

Charles II., son of William and Hannah Wanzer, m. Carrie E. Treadwell May 4, 1858. Ch.:

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| 39. Mary Treadwell. | 42. Alice Caroline. |
| 40. Edward; d. young. | 43. Elizabeth; d. young. |
| 41. William David. | |

29. William L., son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Lucy Wanzer, m. Lydia L. Weaver of Dover. He died Mar. 20, 1878, leaving four children.

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| 44. Arthur. | 46. William. |
| 45. Paulina. | 47. Walter. |

1. WASHBORN, Ebenezer, m. Patience Miles June 29, 1721.

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| 2. Patience, b. May 2, 1722. | 6. Miles, b. Jan. 10, 1730-1. |
| 3. Susannah, b. May 9, 1725. | 7. Jonathan, b. Feb. 20, 1732-3. |
| 4. Joseph, b. May 16, 1727. | 8. Stephen, b. Feb. 19, 1734-5. |
| 5. Eunice, b. Apr. 26, 1729. | 6. Rebecca, b. Mar. 5, 1736-7. |

1. Washborn, Ephraim Lyon, born Oct. 15, 1768, in Fairfield, m. Mary Turrill Mar. 20, 1793. She was born Dec. 31, 1771.

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| 2. Henry, b. Dec. 9, 1794. | 4. Barbary, b. May 19, 1798. |
| 3. Noble, b. Oct. 20, 1796. | |

1. Washborn, Gideon, m. Hester ———. Child:

2. Hester, b. Dec. 16, 1763.

1. WATERBURY, Ambrose, was born Feb. 5, 1781; m. his wife Susannah, and came from Norwalk to Bridgewater soon after their marriage. She was born Mar. 23, 1786.

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| 2. Julia Ann, b. Apr. 11, 1803; d. Feb. 26, 1859. | 7. Delia, b. Oct. 30, 1815; m. Horace Bartram. |
| 3. William, b. Oct. 11, 1806. | 8. Fitch, b. May 10, 1817-† |
| 4. Legrand, b. Dec. 23, 1808; m. and went West. | 9. Nelson, b. Mar. 10, 1821; d. same day. |
| 5. Angeline, b. Feb. 22, 1811; m. Samuel Tuttle of New Canaan. | 10. Nelson, b. Mar. 28, 1824. |
| 6. Fitch, b. Aug. 24, 1813; d. Aug. 24, 1813. | 11. Flora, b. Sept. 11, 1826. |
| | 12. Homer, b. Feb. 16, 1829. |

3. William, son of Ambrose and Susannah Waterbury, m. Eliza Stewart Nov. 6, 1836, and resided on his father's homestead near Bridgewater Centre, and died Dec. 29, 1875. She died June 28, 1881.

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| 13. Ambrose, b. Oct. 23, 1827. | 17. Caroline S., b. Aug. 29, 1846; m. James Ferriss. |
| 14. Almira, b. Sept. 27, 1840; Elliot Lucas. | 18. William Henry, b. Sept. 9, 1850; m. Stiles Lucas June 2, 1869; had Corn Eliza, and Anna Louisa. |
| 15. Caroline, b. June 5, 1842; d. Nov. 18, 1843. | |
| 16. Harriet M., b. Oct. 26, 1844. | |

8. *Fitch*, son of Ambrose and Susannah Waterbury, m. Polly Hall. He died Feb. 6, 1857. She died May 13, 1854.

19. Francis; m. Eunice Fitch.
20. Samuel.

21. Susan.

1. *WEAVER, Brice*, m. Emily Sterling; residence in Gaylordsville.

2. Lucy; m. Andrew Baldwin. of Torrington; residing at the Depot in
3. Elizabeth; m.; d. young. Washington, Conn.; had Waldo.
4. Margaret. 6. Vincent Sterling.
5. Cyrus Peter; m. Rhuba, dau. of Dea. North 7. Caroline Sterling; m. Wm. M. Allen.

1. *WEED, John D.*, m. Anna Bostwick, Oct. 25, 1807.

2. Marshall Hill, b. Sept. 16, 1808. 3. Susan, b. Oct. 2, 1810.

WELCH, Thomas, was in Milford in 1739, and was one of the founders of the church in that year, according to Dr. Trumbull; was freeman in 1665, and representative the same year. He m. Hannah, dau. of Thomas Buckingham. He died Aug. 12, 1681; his widow about 1684. Ch.:

1. Mary, b. Aug. 14, 1655. 4. Esther, bapt 1664.
2. Thomas, b. Jan. 28, 1658. 5. Lydia; d. in 1685, æ. 16.
3. Sarah, bapt. 1660.

2. *Thomas, Jr.*, son of Thomas and Hannah Welch, died early in 1704, and in his will names children:

6. Elizabeth. 9. Paul.
7. Thomas. Two daughters, not named.
8. John.

7. *Thomas, 2d*, son of Thomas and Hannah Welch, appears to have resided in New Milford but a short time, from the fact that the birth of one child is recorded here. Child:

10. Mary, b. Oct. 19, 1740.

8. *John*, son of Thomas, Sen., and Hannah Welch, came to New Milford a single man, and m. Deborah Ferriss, Aug. 27, 1719. He died May 25, 1732, aged 38 years, and his widow Deborah m. 2d, Joseph Miles, Sept. 25, 1732.

11. John, b. ; d. in 1741, æ. 21. 15. Paul, b. June 17, 1727.
12. Deborah, b. Aug. 7, 1721; m. John Comstock. 16. Jane, b. Mar. 3, 1729.
13. Hannah, b. Mar. 30, 1723; m. Nathan Gunn. 17. Thomas, b. May 17, 1731; of defective intellect, but was alive in 1754.
14. David, b. Jan. 3, 1725.

9. *Paul*, son of Thomas, 2d, and Hannah Welch, came to New Milford a single man, and m. Jerusha Brownson of Waterbury, July 9, 1728. He was for many years one of the most prominent and highly respected men of the town (see p. 65). His wife Jerusha died Sept. 28, 1755. He m. 2d, Mrs. Rachel Grant, widow of Capt. Thomas Grant of Litchfield, Dec. 29, 1756. She was the mother of Anne Grant, who m. 1st, Amos Northrop, and 2d, Thomas Welles of New Milford.

18. Ann, b. Mar. 1, 1731; m. — Platt. 21. Ruth, b. Dec. 19, 1739; m. Reynold Marvin, a lawyer of Litchfield, Feb. 23, 1763.
19. Jerusha, b. Aug. 6, 1734; d. Mar. 27, 1751.
20. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1736; m. Rev. Judah Champion of Litchfield, Jan. 4, 1758. 22. John, b. Nov. 8, 1744; d. Jan. 6, 1745.
23. Paul, b. Jan. 9, 1759.

1. *WELLER, John*, of Northampton, Mass., swore allegiance Feb. 8, 1679; m. Mar. 24, 1670, Mary, dau. of Alexander Alford or Alvord. He removed, about 1682, to Deerfield, where he died in 1686. His sons both settled in New Milford. Ch.:

2. John, b. Feb. 14, 1676. ford, 1710, but soon removed to Woodbury.
3. Sarah, b. Apr. 15, 1678.
4. Thomas, b. Aug., 1680; settled in New Mil- 5. Experience, b. Dec. 2, 1682.

2. John, Jr., son of John and Mary Weller, m. Rebecca ———, and came from Springfield, Mass., to New Milford about 1710. (See Sketch.) He died Apr. 3, 1734. His family record was transferred from Springfield, Mass., to New Milford Ch.:

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| 6. John, b. Dec. 27, 1694. | 10. Jonathan, b. July 1, 1705. |
| 7. Obadiah, b. Feb. 6, 1697. | 11. Rebecca, b. Nov., 1708. |
| 8. Obadiah, b. Aug. 2, 1699. | 12. Joseph, b. Feb. 10, 1711. |
| 9. Thomas, b. Sept. 4, 1702. | |

6. John, 3d, son of John and Rebecca Weller, m. Lydia Waller of Woodbury, Dec. 12, 1723. His farm and house was a little below the mouth of Rocky river, now owned by Col. Wm. J. Starr, where he resided, probably, until his death.

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| 13. David, b. Dec. 12, 1726. | 16. Jonathan, b. April 25, 1735. |
| 14. John, b. Mar. 19, 1730. | 17. Eliakim, b. Oct. 20, 1737. |
| 15. Nathan, b. Dec. 19, 1732. | |

8. Obadiah, son of John and Rebecca Weller, m. Mary Seelye, Nov. 12, 1728.

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| 18. Benjamin, b. Aug. 18, 1729. | 20. Merrick, b. Oct. 10, 1742; his name was changed to Aaron, Feb. 8, 1742-3. |
| 19. Amos, b. Sept. 19, 1731. | |

9. Thomas, son of John and Rebecca Weller, m. Hannah Bostwick, Nov. 5, 1729.

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| 21. Rebecca, b. Sept. 8, 1730. | 25. Fillie, b. Nov. 1, 1741. |
| 22. Cooly, b. Apr. 9, 1732. | 26. Hannah, b. Mar. 15, 1743-4. |
| 23. Jonathan, b. Sept. 6, 1734. | 27. Abel, b. Mar. 24, 1746-7. |
| 24. Eunice, b. Aug. 6, 1739; m. Shubel Chapman, Dec. 29, 1768. | |

10. Jonathan, son of John and Rebecca Weller, m. Thankful Bartlett, probably, dau. of Isaiah Bartlett, Dec. 20, 1733. He died Mar. 23, 1733-4, living three months and five days after his marriage.

12. Joseph, son of John and Rebecca Weller, m. Martha Peet of Unity, in Stratford, Dec. 8, 1741.

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| 28. Abel, b. Jan. 4, 1743; d. Feb. 6, 1743. | 31. Heppe, b. Aug. 6, 1749. |
| 29. Phebe, b. Jan. 6, 1745. | 32. Joseph, b. June 1, 1752. |
| 30. Axel, b. Feb. 4, 1747. | |

18. Benjamin, son of Obadiah and Mary Weller, m. Sarah ———.

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| 33. Annis, b. Aug. 21, 1749. | 35. Mary, b. Oct. 8, 1753. |
| 34. Elijah, b. Apr. 9, 1751. | 36. Coole, b. Oct. 6, 1760. |

Weller, Elijah, m. Mary Atwood of Woodbury, Nov. 25, 1773.

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| 37. Huldah, b. Dec. 17, 1774. | 38. Lurany, b. Dec. 9, 1776. |
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1. Weller, Justus, b. Nov. 5, 1776, m. 1st, Clara Hamlin, Apr., 1800, who d. Jan. 19, 1825, and he m. 2d, Susan Patch; 3d, Fanny Lake. He d. Sept. 18, 1848.

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| 2. Mary Ann, b. June 25, 1801; d. May 3, 1864. | 10. Royal Minot, b. Aug. 17, 1818. |
| 3. Justus Sackett, b. Sept. 6, 1803. | 11. Julia Minerva, b. Dec. 27, 1821. |
| 4. Harriet Minerva, b. Oct. 28, 1805. | 12. Charles Smith, b. Dec. 18, 1823. |
| 5. Oliver Sykes, b. Oct. 29, 1807; d. Feb. 21, 1858. | By 3d wife. |
| 6. Philo Russell, b. Nov. 12, 1809. | 13. John Lake, b. June 28, 1831; d. July 27, 1863, in the army. |
| 7. Sally Rachel; d. July 5, 1812. | 14. Luman Hamlin, b. Aug. 24, 1833. |
| 8. Henry Starr, } twins, b. July 8, 1816. | 15. Jerome Beach, b. May 30, 1835. |
| 9. Emily R., } | |

1. WELLS, Thomas, Governor of Connecticut from 1655 to 1658, came from Essex, England, to Massachusetts in 1635, and to Hartford, Ct., in 1637, where

he was a magistrate that year, and Governor in 1655. The *History of the Wells Family* proves that Gov. Thomas Wells came to America to escape a Star-Chamber sentence as a non-conformist. He died Jan. 14, 1659, aged 60 years. He m. 2d wife, Elizabeth, widow of Nathaniel Fort of Wethersfield. Name of his first wife is not known. Ch.:

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| 2. John, b. in England. | 5. Mary. |
| 3. Thomas. | 6. Ann. |
| 4. Samuel. | 7. Sarah. |

2. *John*, son of Gov. Thomas Wells, m. about 1647, Elizabeth Bourne, who came to America under the care of Henry Tomlison and Ellen, the wife of Arthur Bostwick. He died about 1660. Ch.:

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| 8. John, b. 1648. | 12. Samuel, b. 1656. |
| 9. Thomas, } twins, b. 1651. | 13. Sarah, b. 1659. |
| 10. Robert, } | 14. Mary, b. 1661; m. Joseph Booth of Stratford. |
| 11. Temperance, b. 1654. | |

8. *John, 2d*, son of John, Sen., and Elizabeth Wells, m. Mary, dau. of John Hollister of Wethersfield, in 1668 or 9, and resided in Stratford. He died Mar. 24, 1714. Ch.:

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| 13. Mary, b. Nov., 1670. | 17. Comfort. |
| 14. Thomas, b. 1672. | 18. Joseph, b. 1679. |
| 15. Sarah, b. 1673. | 19. Elizabeth. |
| 16. John, b. 1676. | 20. Robert, b. 1688. |

14. *Dea. Thomas*, son of John, 2d, and Mary Wells, m. Sarah, dau. of Ephraim Stiles, Aug., 1710; resided in Stratford.

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| 21. Bathsheba, b. 1711. | 25. Thomas, b. 1717. |
| 22. Ephraim, b. 1712. | 26. Gideon, b. 1719. |
| 23. Comfort, b. 1714. | 27. Daniel, b. 1722. |
| 24. Sarah, b. 1715; m. David Beardslee, and they settled in New Milford. | 28. Gurdon, b. 1724. |
| | 29. Hezekiah, b. July, 1732. |

25. *Thomas, 2d*, son of Dea. Thomas and Sarah Wells, m. Sarah Laboree in 1742. Laboree was a French Huguenot family.

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| 30. Bathsheba, b. 1744. | 33. Sarah, b. 1753. |
| 31. James, b. 1748. | 34. Elias, b. 1756. |
| 32. Thomas, b. Mar. 28, 1752. | |

29. *Hezekiah*, son of Thomas and Sarah Wells, m. Elizabeth (Betty) Nichols.

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| 35. Philip, b. Nov., 1753. | 37. Gloriana, b. 1759. |
| 36. Agur, b. 1756. | |

32. *Thomas*, son of Thomas, 2d, and Sarah Wells of Stratford, came to New Milford a young man, and m. Anne Northrop, widow of Amos Northrop, Jr., Jan. 11, 1780. He was born in Stratford, Mar. 28, 1752, and his wife, who was Anne (Grant) Northrop, was born in Litchfield, Sep. 11, 1752. She was the daughter of Capt. Thomas Grant, who was the third generation from Capt. Matthew Grant of Windsor, Ct.

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| 38. Anne, b. Nov. 19, 1780; m. Solomon Bostwick. | 40. Lois, b. Mar. 3, 1786; not m.; lived with her brother in the old homestead. |
| 39. Polly, b. Mar. 16, 1784; m. Epaphras W. Bull in 1812. | 41. Thomas, b. June 2, 1790; not m.; d. July, 1860. |

35. *Philip*, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Welles, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Tomlinson, Apr. 3, 1776. She was born in 1757. They removed from Stratford about 1790 to Litchfield, where they resided until their decease. He d. Dec. 23, 1818. She d. Nov. 27, 1848, aged 91. They settled in New Milford about 1790.

42. Betsey, b. Feb. 25, 1777; m. Cyrus Northrop. 47. Stephen, b. Sep. 24, 1769; d. unm., Feb. 22, 1845.
 43. Hezekiah, b. May 10, 1779. 48. Tomlinson, b. Mar. 23, 1793.
 44. Joseph, b. Aug. 21, 1781. 49. Sophia, b. June 21, 1796; m. John McMahon.
 45. Sarah, b. Jan. 16, 1784; m. Bradley Marsh. 50. John, b. June 19, 1799.
 46. Philip, b. Apr. 21, 1787.

43. Hezekiah, son of Philip and Elizabeth Wells, m. Apr. 14, 1814, Eunice Blackney of N. M. She was born in 1794, and died in 1846. She resided in N. M.

51. George Clark, b. Jan. 30, 1815; m. Mary Gay-
 lord, Sep. 10, 1844.
 52. James Edward, b. Feb. 12, 1817; m. Albina
 Stone, Oct. 6, 1841.
 53. Stephen, b. June 5, 1819. +
 53½. Daughter, b. July 23, 1821; d. Aug. 3, 1821.
 54. Mary Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1823; m. Clark
 Hine, Jan. 1, 1846.
 55. Charlotte Maria, b. May 14, 1825.
 55½. Edgar Curtis, b. Mar. 14, 1827; d. Sep. 10,
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 56. Edgar Curtis, b. Feb. 3, 1831. +
 57. Eliza Antoinette, b. Mar. 19, 1833; m. Sam-
 uel R. Hill, Apr. 3, 1872.
 58. Henry Francis, b. Jan. 24, 1835. +

44. Dea. Joseph, son of Philip and Elizabeth Wells, m. Jane Clark, Feb. 20, 1802. She died Feb. 20, 1808. He m. 2d, Anna Peck, Apr. 27, 1814, who died Mar. 19, 1867. He died Nov. 20, 1857. He resided in Northville (N. M.), where he was a deacon of the Baptist Church.

59. Isaac Clark, b. Apr. 4, 1804.

60. Anna, b. Apr. 24, 1805.

46. Philip, 2d, son of Philip and Elizabeth Wells, m. Nancy Watson, Mar. 14, 1821. She died Jan. 2, 1865. He died Apr. 3d, 1866.

61. Philip Watson, b. Feb. 19, 1822. 64. William W., b. Feb. 10, 1831.
 62. Jane, b. Sep. 15, 1823; m. Albert Hodge of
 Roxbury, Ct., Oct. 25, 1846, and had Eliza-
 beth I. and Charles Watson. 65. Elizabeth T., b. Oct. 23, 1827; m. Albert Hill,
 Nov. 16, 1845, and had Horace, Agnes,
 George.
 63. Cyrus N., b. Nov. 4, 1825; m., and d. Aug.
 23, 1879. 66. Sarah; m. John McEwen.
 66½. Edwin S., b. Mar. 11, 1833.

48. Tomlinson, son of Philip and Elizabeth Wells, m. Electa Smith. Their residence is in Litchfield. She died Jan. 1, 1854, aged 52.

67. Philip, b. Dec. 20, 1823; d. 70. Virginia Maria, b. May 20, 1835.
 68. Abby Jane, b. Oct. 22, 1826; m. 71. Mary A. Smith, b. 1839; d. 1840.
 69. Susannah A., b. 1828; d. 1834. 72. Frank, b. Sep. 2, 1841.

50. John, son of Philip and Elizabeth Wells, m. Jane Vanderburgh, Feb. 22, 1830. Residence, Port Huron, Mich. He died Sep. 28, 1867.

73. Mary Margaret, b. Mar. 16, 1831; m. May 21, 1851, W. A. Slaughter, Major in the U. S. Army, who was shot by the Indians while on duty in California. She d. Jan 3, 1862. 74. Frederick Ludlow, b. Mar. 24, 1833; m. Hat-
 tie I. Hyde, Sep. 10, 1859.
 75. Cornelia A., b. May 14, 1838; d. Dec. 19, 1846.

53. Stephen, son of Hezekiah and Eunice Wells, m. Mary Sherman, Sep. 14, 1846.

76. Charlotte Eliza.

77. Mary Catharine.

56. Edgar C., son of Hezekiah and Eunice Wells, m. P. Elizabeth Turrill, Oct. 26, 1859.

78. Katie Elizabeth.

80. Edgar Curtis.

79. John Edgar.

58. Henry F., son of Hezekiah and Eunice Wells, m. Ellen M. Perkins, Dec. 23, 1861. He d. Dec. 24, 1869. Ch.:

81. Ruth E.

84. Charles P., b. July 31, 1867; d. Dec. 7, 1870.

82. Harrie, } twins; b. Feb. 28, 1866; d. May 12,

83. Nattie, } 1868.

1. WELTON, George, m. Elizabeth A. Botsford, Oct. 25, 1789; resided in Bridgewater.

2. Thirza, b. Oct. 6, 1790; m. Stephen Treat; no ch.
3. Son, b. June 6, 1792; d. June 7, 1792.
4. Minerva, b. Aug. 15, 1793; m. Curtis Warner.
5. Harriet, b. Dec. 4, 1795; m. David Young.
6. Horatio N., b. Oct. 21, 1798; m. Zerula Treat.
7. George.

1. *Welton, Thomas A.*, from Oxford, and son of Andrew of the Waterbury family, came to N. M. in 1836, and established a store on the plains below Lanesville, on the Danbury road, where he still resides. He had as partner in the store one year, Stephen Crane, and after him, Isaac Wanzer six years. He m. Mira Ann, dau. of Wm. M. Marsh. She died Nov. 29, 1880, æ 65. Ch.:

2. Thomas M.; resides in Danbury.
3. George A.; m.; resides in New Milford.

1. *WHEATON, Joseph*, of Seakonk, Rhode Island, m. Lydia Kent of Barrington, Mass., and settled in New Milford about 1744, on land now contained in the community called Marbledale, in the town of Washington, Conn.

2. Lydia, b. July 13, 1744; m. John Fitch.
3. Joseph, b. Mar. 1, 1745-6, in N. M.
4. Benjamin, b. Nov. 30, 1749; d. in the Revolutionary War; in the old sugar house in New York City.
5. Sylvester, b. July 14, 1752.
6. Solomon, b. Oct. 29, 1754; d. in the Revolution with his brother.
7. Anne, b. Feb. 10, 1757; m. Ichabod Bostwick.
8. Orange, b. Sept. 19, 1760.
9. Esek.

3. *Joseph, Jr.*, son of Joseph and Lydia Wheaton, m. Esther Sperry. He died of small-pox.

10. Lydia; m. ——— Bennett of Pompey, N. Y.
11. Sylvia; m. ——— Chapel of Pompey, N. Y.
12. Lorain; m. ——— Bostwick, went to Pompey, N. Y.
13. Augustus; m., and d. in Merryall, near Rock Cobble; his children settled in Pompey, N. Y.

4. *Benjamin*, son of Joseph, Sen., and Lydia Wheaton, m. ——— ———; was in the Revolution and died, and his widow m. ——— Sperry.

14. Mary Anna; m. ——— Lake.

5. *Sylvester*, son of Joseph and Lydia Wheaton, m. Mercy Sperry Dec. 3, 1780. She was born Aug. 6, 1756, in Upper Merryall. Sylvester Wheaton built, during the Revolution, the house, and lived in it afterwards, where Mr. Ralph Buckingham resides. Mercy Sperry had a tea-set of pottery when she was married, made at Read's Pottery in Lower Merryall, the tea-caddy being still preserved by Mrs. Ralph Buckingham. Sylvester Wheaton died Nov. 27, 1835. His wife "Marcy" died Jan. 15, 1813.

15. Minerva C., b. Apr. 3, 1790; d. unm. Sept. 1, 1881, at the house of Ralph Buckingham.
16. Nathaniel Sheldon (Rev.), b. Aug. 20, 1792; d. unm. (See Blog.)
17. Sylvester Sherman, b. Sept. 8, 1794; d. Apr. 12, 1851.
18. Jared Sperry, b. Aug. 28, 1797; d. Mar. 31, 1750.

8. *Orange*, son of Joseph and Lydia Wheaton.

19. Solomon; was an Episcopal minister at Newport, R. I.

9. *Esek*, son of Joseph and Lydia Wheaton, m. Eunice Skeels; lived a time in Merryall, then settled in Marbledale, where he died. Several of his children settled in Pompey, N. Y.

20. Polly; m. ——— Bacon, of Johnstown, N. Y.
21. Sally; m. Richard Barlow of Brookfield, Conn.
22. Alma; m. Samuel Bolt of Tully, N. Y.
23. Cyrus; m. Charlana Platt of Merryall; rem. to Wis.
24. Harvey; m., removed to Mich.
25. Henry S.; m. Julia M. Baldwin; had Julia M., Caroline A., George H., Ellen A.
26. Adelia S.; d. y.
27. Flora A.; d. y.
28. Ellen C.; d. y.

17. *S. Sherman*, son of Sylvester and Mercy Wheaton, m. Lucina Tracy of Washington, Conn., Mar. 9, 1827. He d. Apr. 12, 1853. His widow Lucina d. Jan. 3, 1867.

29. Elvira; m. Ralph Buckingham; had Gilbert W., Bertha M., m. Heman Averill, Ina J.
 30. Minerva Susan; m. 1st, John L. Allen; had 31. Oscar Nathaniel; went to Idaho.

18. Jared S., son of Sylvester and Mercy Wheaton, m. Maria Vosburg of Barkhamsted; lived at the old homestead of his father.

32. Sheldon Sperry. 33. Ellen G.; m. Daniel Patterson of N. P.

Sheldon S., son of Jared S., and Maria Wheaton, m. Sarah Jane' Pratt Mar. 4, 1862.

34. Mollie C.; m. George C. Lindley of Ausonia, Conn., Nov. 1, 1882.

1. WHEATON, Marvin, born Sept. 12, 1794; m. Harriet Ingersoll in N. M. She was b. June 26, 1795, and died May 11, 1865. He died Oct. 6, 1860.

2. Wm. Daniel, b. Mar. 5, 1817. 4. Solomon J., b. July 12, 1831.
 3. Sarah E., b. Mar. 17, 1820; m. John Buckingham. 5. Ralph Ingersol, b. Feb. 16, 1833.

2. William D., son of Marvin and Harriet Wheaton, m. Ruth A., dau. of Edward Hunt, Feb. 19, 1840.

6. Edward Jarvis; m. Agnes C. Hill; has Mary Edith. 7. Daniel Wm.; m. Aminta L. Smith; has Gertrude Alice, and Henry Smith.

5. Ralph I., son of Marvin and Harriet Wheaton, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sylvester G. Holt of N. P., Apr. 29, 1860.

8. Charles Marvin. 10. Walter Sylvester.
 9. Lillian Maryett.

Wheaton, Sylvester, m. Avis Platt of Merryall; removed to Tully, N. Y.

11. Myron Belden. 13. Sophia; m. John M. Ford Nov. 13, 1849.
 12. Mary L.; m. 1st, Leander Odell, who d. Nov., 1858; and she m. 2d, Curtis C. Gamp.

1. WHEELER, Nathan, Jr., son of Nathan of Stratford, m. Mary —, who died Aug. 10, 1758, in New Milford. He m. 2d, Sarah Prime, Sept. 4, 1758. His father gave him all his "undivided land" in New Milford Mar. 23, 1756.

By 2d wife.

2. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 7, 1744. 5. Nathan, b. Apr. 11, 1752.
 3. Hannah, b. Nov. 2, 1746. 6. Ann, b. Sept. 20, 1754.
 4. Mary, b. Nov. 31, 1749. 7. Esther, b. Nov. 5, 1756.

1. Wheeler, Doct. Dobson, was a physician, and resided many years at Lanesville, on the Wood Creek road. He m. widow Hannah Tallcott. From the records of the Oblong Friend's meeting, "4th month 18th, 1796. Our friend Hannah Wheeler, deceased 13th of 3d month in the 85th year of her age." From the same: "Monthly records of 4th mo. 17th, 1797. One Elder deceased, viz.: Our aged friend Dobson Wheeler, deceased the 13th of 2d mo. last in the 88th year of his age."

2. Phebe; m. Nicholas Wanzer. 3. Mary; m. Cornelius McMahon.

1. WHITELEY, William, m. Triphena Ruggles, Feb. 1, 1779.

2. William, b. July 18, 1779. 5. Hannah, b. Apr. 16, 1786.
 3. Hermon, b. Oct. 8, 1781. 6. Amynta, b. Mar. 16, 1788; d. July 18, 1788.
 4. Abijah Ruggles, b. Jan. 11, 1784. 7. Homer, b. May 7, 1789.

1. WILDMAN, Joseph, and wife Abigail.

2. Mindwell, b. Mar. 16, 1773. 4. Eden, b. Mar. 5, 1778.
 3. Mary, b. June 10, 1775. 5. Abigail, b. July 20, 1783.

1. Wildman, Edmund, lived on the plain where Gilbert Crosby now resides.

2. Canfield Starr. 4. John.
 3. Frederick. 5. Lois Samantha.

1. WILKINSON, Lewis, m. Mary or Martha ———.

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| 2. Lewis, b. Nov. 1, 1745. | 6. Reuben, b. May 4, 1754. |
| 3. Samuel, b. Dec. 27, 1747. | 7. Levi, b. Aug. 4, 1756. |
| 4. Jesse, b. Oct. 1, 1749. | 8. Mary, b. Dec. 17, 1758; d. in 1758. |
| 5. Susannah; d. Nov. 27, 1752. | |

Wilkinson, John, m. Jerusha Brownson "Boalt," Jan. 14, 1744-5. He died Oct. 5, 1791. She died May 12, 1796, in Scipio, N. Y.

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| 1. David, b. Nov. 7, 1745. | 7. Jonathan, b. Sept. 7, 1758. |
| 2. John, b. June 1, 1747. | 8. Mabel, b. June 30, 1760. |
| 3. Ann, bapt. May 8, 1760. | 9. Asahel, b. May 9, 1762. |
| 4. Ichabod, b. Dec. 4, 1753. | 10. Amos, bapt. May 13, 1764. |
| 5. Abel, bapt. May 8, 1760. | 11. Isaac, b. May 6, 1773; m. Tamar Smith, Dec. 18, 1791. |
| 6. Sarah, b. Mar. 23, 1757. | |

1. David, son of John and Jerusha Wilkinson, m. Dorcas Brownson, Feb. 18, 1764. He died Feb. 27, 1791, in his 46th year. She died of a cancer in her right eye, Jan. 6, 1824, æ. 68 years.

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| 12. Eunice, b. Mar. 27, 1766. | 16. Elizabeth, b. May 31, 1774. |
| 13. Augustine, b. Mar. 25, 1768. | 17. Abigail, b. July 28, 1776. |
| 14. Ruth, b. July 11, 1770. | 18. John, b. Oct. 21, 1779. |
| 15. Gideon, b. Oct. 28, 1771. | |

4. Ichabod, son of John and Jerusha Wilkinson, m. Anna Taylor, Apr. 13, 1775.

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| 19. Joel Taylor, b. Dec. 14, 1776. | 20. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 31, 1780. |
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Wilkinson, Abel, m. Hannah Summers, Dec. 23, 1773.

1. Orange, b. Sept. 10, 1774.

WILLIAMS, John, and wife Jerusha.

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| 1. Ann, b. Aug. 4, 1749. | 2. Abel, b. Mar. 5, 1752. |
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Williams, John A., of Ridgefield, m. Susan Peet, Mar. 8, 1831.

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| 1. Susan E., b. May 17, 1832. | 2. Emily, b. Aug. 29, 1840. |
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1. WILLIAMSON, John, Jr., m. Lydia Pierce, Feb. 22, 1780.

2. Daniel, b. Aug. 19, 1782.

1. WILLIAMS, Doct. Jehiel, of Lebanon, Conn., m. Lois Bliss, and settled in New Milford about 1815, as a physician, where he continued in practice until his decease. Lois, his wife, died Oct. 4, 1823, æ. 40 years. He m. 2d, Sarah Thompson, sister of Judge Thompson of the U. S. Court. Ch.:

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| 2. Edward W.; educated at West Point; served in the army 5 or 6 years, then resigned and settled in Vermillionville, Ill. | 6. George S.; taught select school in Watertown, Conn.; studied law and settled in Ottawa, Ill., where he was connected with the Court. He d. in 1851. |
| 3. Charlotte Bliss; m. Daniel Marsh. | 7. James L.; d. June 17, 1822, æ. 7. |
| 4. Robert Bruce; settled with his brother in Ill. | 8. Betsey Ann; d. Mar. 3, 1813, æ. 7. |
| 5. Mary A.; m. Frederick A. Boardman of Boardman, Ohio. | |

1. Williams, Dartus, son of William Williams of Greenfield, Conn., m. Salome Ogden in 1823. He was born Mar. 1, 1802, and she was born July 15, 1802. He was a mason by trade, and came to New Milford about 1830, and resides now on Grove Street.

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| 2. John A., b. Mar. 29, 1826; d. Mar. 11, 1837. | in New Haven, and his son, Joseph Wells, is in the N. H. Post-office. |
| 3. Nathaniel A., b. Mar. 19, 1828; m. Hannah M. Morris of Bridgeport, Nov. 20, 1855, and resides on Grove street. | 5. Abigail A., b. Mar. 29, 1835; m. 1st, Calvin Crosby, Mar. 16, 1859. He died, and she m. 2d, ——— Atherton of N. Hampshire. |
| 4. Sarah Grace, b. Nov. 22, 1831; m. Clark Buckingham of Northville, where they resided for a time. She died June 12, 1860. He resides | 6. John F., b. Aug. 7, 1838; m. |

6. John Frederick, son of Darius and Salome Williams, m. Jane, dau. of Abraham Roberts, Oct. 9, 1867, and resides on Grove street. Ch.:

7. Carrie Rebecca.

9. Frederick Darius.

8. Grace Mervin.

1. Williams, John A., brother of Darius, was born Sept. 10, 1806; m. Susan, dau. of Nathan Peet, Mar. 8, 1839. She died in 1879. He died June 4, 1881. They lived on Grove street. Ch.:

2. Elizabeth; m. Abraham Hubbell; resides in Ansonia. 3. Emily G.; resides with her sister.

1. WRIGHT, Doct. Amariah, was a resident in New Milford a few years. He m. Maria Alpha Lane, Jan. 10, 1809. He was born Jan. 5, 1776. He was afterwards a physician many years in New York city.

2. George William, b. Mar. 22, 1813.

3. Ellen Mary, b. Mar. 18, 1817.

2. George W., son of Amariah and Maria A. Wright, m. Cornelia E., dau. of Rev. John F. Schroeder, D.D., June 8, 1865. He was a lawyer in the city of New York, and died Oct. 27, 1873. His widow and family reside in the inherited old home of Hon. Elijah Boardman in New Milford.

4. Boardman.

6. William George.

5. George Herman.

7. Frederick Amariah.

WARNER, Capt. John, came from Hadley, Mass., in Jan., 1725, and purchased land here, and settled on it, and m. Mary Curtis of Farmington, July 3, 1727, and made his home at the South Farms, where she died, Oct. 1, 1757. He d. Dec. 9, 1762. (See sketch.)

3. Oliver, b. Oct. 12, 1729.

9. Solomon, b. Oct. 13, 1741; "died at Montreal in the English camp, Sep. 20, 1760."

4. Lemuel, b. Sept. 6, 1731.

10. Asa, b. Oct. 1, 1743.

5. Prudence, b. Dec. 3, 1733.

11. Orange, b. Jan. 18, 1745-6.

6. Martin, b. Jan. 11, 1735.

12. Mercy, b. Dec. 25, 1747.

7. Eleazer, b. Dec. 17, 1737.

8. John, b. Oct. 27, 1739.

2. Joseph Warner, probably brother of John above, received his first land in N. M. May 25, 1728, which lay west of the halfway falls, near his brother's land. He was married when he came here, or soon after, and had wife Sarah. He d. — 21, 1743.

13. Thankful, b. Aug. 26, 1730.

17. Elizabeth, b. July 28, 1739.

14. Rhoda, b. Aug. 25, 1732.

18. Joseph, b. Sep. 12, 1741.

15. Christian, b. Feb. 2, 1734-5.

19. Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1743.

16. Sarah, b. Mar. 22, 1736-7.

3. Oliver, son of John and Mary Warner, m. Lois Ruggles, Oct. 16, 1751. She died Oct. 14, 1781. He died Feb. 21, 1814, aged 85 years.

20. Lucy, b. Sep. 17, 1752.

23. Reuben, b. May 23, 1759.

21. Tryphena, b. Dec. 14, 1753; m. Benj. S. Mygatt.

24. Prudence, b. Aug. 28, 1761.

25. Tamar, b. July 20, 1764.

22. Mabel, b. Sep. 30, 1756; m. Doct. D. N. Carrington of Danbury.

4. Lemuel, son of John and Mary Warner, m. Sarah Gaylord, Feb. 15, 1758. She died Dec. 23, 1810, æ. 77. He died Feb. 20, 1814, æ. 82.

26. Phebe, b. Nov. 14, 1758.

28. Lodema, b. July 27, 1765.

27. Mary, b. Sep. 22, 1771.

7. Capt. Eleazer, son of John and Mary Warner, m. Mary Welch, Oct. 26, 1763.

29. Amarillis, b. Aug. 8, 1763; m. Homer Boardman.

31. Oliver, b. July 18, 1774; d. June 4, 1796, at Albany.

30. Eleazer, b. Mar. 10, 1770.

8. *John*, son of John and Mercy Warner, m. Hannah Westover, July 6, 1763.

32. John, b. Apr. 18, 1764.

10. *Asa*, son of John and Mary Warner, m. Eunice Camp, Dec. 29, 1768; was thrown from a wagon and killed.

33. Anne, b. Oct. 29, 1769.

35. Aphin, b. May 21, 1774.

34. Thale, b. Mar. 24, 1772.

11. *Orange*, son of John and Mary Warner, m. Abigail Prindle, Dec. 5, 1765.

36. Curtis, b. July 14, 1766.

39. Cyrus, b. Jan. 6, 1773.

37. David, b. Jan. 7, 1768.

40. Chloe, b. June 25, 1774.

38. Orange, b. Apr. 13, 1770.

41. Abigail, b. Nov. 9, 1778.

23. *Col. Reuben*, son of Oliver and Lois Warner, m. Eunice Carrington, of Danbury, Jan. 1, 1781.

41. John Carrington, b. Feb. 18, 1782.

45. Harriet, b. June 29, 1788.

43. Loria, b. Dec. 25, 1783; d. Feb. 15, 1789.

46. Horace, b. Aug. 29, 1790.

44. Oliver, b. Mar. 3, 1786.

36. *Curtis*, son of Orange and Abigail Warner, m. Eunice Hull, Nov. 4, 1792.

47. Charles, b. Dec. 27, 1793.

51. Hull, b. May 20, 1801.

48. Henry, b. Oct. 4, 1795.

52. Sally Caroline, b. Feb. 23, 1803.

49. Deborah, b. Sep. 20, 1807.

53. William, b. May 5, 1806.

50. Laura, b. Sep. 14, 1799.

54. George, b. Feb. 27, 1808.

MISCELLANEOUS FAMILIES.

1. *BARTLETT, Earl Filmore*, m. Lois Almira, dau. of William Hine, Dec. 12, 1838. He died Jan. 14, 1873. She died Apr. 17, 1877.

2. Frances William, b. Sept. 2, 1839; m.

3. Robert Ichabod, b. Aug. 31, 1841.

2. *Francis W.*, son of Earl F. and Lois A. Bartlett, m. Adda H. Davis of N. Y., Sept. 7, 1864. She died Aug. 1, 1875. He m. 2d, Lydia Bowers, Aug. 16, 1875.

4. Gracia Lois, b. May 14, 1866.

5. Earl Davis, b. June 6, 1869.

3. *Robert L.*, son of Earl F. and Lois A. Bartlett, m. Louisa Ottman of Carbondale, Pa.; removed to Fontana, Miami Co., Kansas.

6. Harry Ottman, b. March, 1868.

7. Robert Renslaer, b. August, 1876.

1. *BEACH, John*, son of Silas and Ruth (Wayland) Beach of Trumbull, was born Apr. 8, 1820, and m. Fanny A., dau. of Luman B. Hamlin, June 3, 1845, and they reside on her father's homestead in Bridgewater. Ch.:

2. Luman B., b. Dec. 24, 1848.

4. Sylvester B., b. Dec. 10, 1852; is an invalid.

3. Stanley R., b. Jan. 12, 1851; d. July 9, 1859.

2. *Luman*, son of John and Fanny A. Beach, m. Harriet C., dau. of Ira E. Hamlin, May 10, 1870.

Frank Herbert.

Bertha Eveline.

BEERS, Josiah, and wife, Rebecca.

Patience, b. Sept. 3, 1782; m. Joel Smith.

Martin, b. Apr. 6, 1797.

Isaac, b. May 12, 1795.

Doctor, b. Dec. 9, 1798.

BUEL, Samuel, was a resident on Second Hill in N. M. many years. He

m. Martha E. Stone.

Polly; m. Heman Bowers.

Charles; m. Cynthia Wickwire; had Harriet and Julia.

Miranda; m. Henry Smith.

Minerva; m. Homer Stone; had Charles.

Emily; m. James Giddings of N. M.

1. CLARK, Edmund, Sen., from Milford, m. Charity Stilson, July 11, 1770.

2. Mary, b. Nov. 17, 1771.

3. Joseph, b. May 9, 1774.

4. Edmund, b. Dec. 23, 1776.

5. Amos, b. Mar. 24, 1780.

6. Abiah, b. Feb. 16, 1783; m. Abel Buckingham.

2. Joseph, son of Edmund and Charity Clark, m. Patty Millard, Apr. 16, 1795; removed to West about 1812. Ch.:

7. Anson, b. Aug. 27, 1796.

8. Milisen, b. May 3, 1798.

9. Artimesia, b. Apr. 24, 1800.

10. Homer, b. Feb. 27, 1803.

11. Caroline, b. Jan. 1, 1807.

12. Cornelia, b. Jan. 4, 1809.

13. Lydia, b. Feb. 21, 1811.

3. Edmund, son of Edmund and Charity Clark; m. Hannah Lovel, Dec. 13, 1796. She died Mar. 1, æ. 71 years.

14. Beebe, b. May 10, 1797; removed after some years to Ill.

15. Anne, b. Aug. 8, 1798; m. Alpheus Chapman.

16. Isaac, b. July 5, 1800.†

17. Harriet, b. Feb. 3, 1804; m. Benj. Stone.

18. Aurelia, b. Feb. 25, 1807; m. Lewis Hubbell of Washington, Ct.

19. Amos, b. Oct. 10, 1810.†

16. Isaac, son of Edmund and Hannah Clark, m. 1st, Elany Baldwin; 2d, Emily Buckingham, and lived in Northville. Ch.:

20. Ellen; m. Homer J. Broadwell.

By 2d wife.

21. Emily B.; m. Miles J. Burr.

19. Amos, son of Edmund and Hannah Clark, m. Lamira D. Blake of Cromwell, Oct. 13, 1839, and lives on the old homestead in Northville.

22. Walter A.; m. Ida Briggs of Kent; lives a little way west of his father's home; had Rosalie, Alice, and Irwin.

23. L. Augusta.

1. CLARK, Isaac, from Milford, brother to Edmund Clark, Sen., above, m. Jane Baldwin, Dec. 6, 1781, and lived near Northville.

2. Anna, b. Nov. 10, 1782.

3. James, b. Jan. 21, 1786.

4. Hannah, b. Nov. 13, 1788; d. Jan. 17, 1789.

5. Marcia, b. July 5, 1790.

1. CLARK, Jonathan, m. Eunice Bostwick, Jan. 18, 1753.

2. Huldah, b. Sept. 15, 1754.

3. "Hekiah," b. June 22, 1757.

4. Anna, b. Apr. 24, 1759.

5. George, b. Sept. 7, 1761.

6. Anna; b. Oct. 3, 1764.

1. CLARK, Richard, was born Apr. 5, 1749, came to New Milford and m. Grace Platt, May 25, 1774. She was born Aug. 11, 1750, and d. Apr. 13, 1827, aged 76 years. He died Sept. 20, 1837, aged 88 years. Ch.:

2. David, b. May 25, 1779; m. ——— Terrill; d. Sept. 5, 1853, æ. 75.

3. Anna, b. Sept. 8, 1781; d. Mar. 21, 1854, unni.

4. Polly, b. Aug. 5, 1785; m. Joseph Bennett; d. Sept. 15, 1827.

1. CLARK, Thomas, m. Elizabeth Prince, Feb. 15, 1763.

2. Sarah, b. Aug. 18, 1763.

3. Daniel, b. Jan. 18, 1765.

4. James, b. Jan. 23, 1768.

5. Asahel, b. June 3, 1770.

6. Amos, b. Sept. 1, 1772.

7. Joseph, b. Dec. 26, 1774.

8. Molly, b. Apr. 19, 1777.

CLARK, William, m. Annis, dau. of Daniel Bostwick, built and kept a tavern and a goldsmith's shop on the west side of Main street, near the site of the present residence of Mr. Walter B. Bostwick.

Walker, b. Oct. 12, 1775.

Sally, b. Feb. 16, 1778.

William, b. Aug. 18, 1780.

Parsons, b. Nov. 17, 1783.

Gerardus
Henrietta

1. DODD, John, m. Jane Latin of New York city, and settled in New Milford about 1863; resides at Jerusalem.

2. William John.
 3. Charles.
 4. Anna Jane; d. y.
 5. George; d. y.
 6. George.
 - Robert.
 - Ellen.
3. *Charles*, son of John and Jane Dodd, m. Jennie E., dau. of Henry Ferriss, Sept. 4, 1876. He lives on the old Zachariah Ferriss homestead in Jerusalem. Ch.:
7. James Henry.
 8. Jumbo.

1. *DODD, Isaac*, m. 1st, ——— Flynn; 2d, Charlotte Hamilton. Ch.:

John; m. Maggie Flynn.

Isaac.

By 2d wife.

Ellen; m. William Booth.

Lottie.

1. *DOUGLAS, Amos*, m. Harriet, dau. of William Hine, Sep. 12, 1842.
2. Charles Albion, b. Oct. 24, 1844; m. Mary E. Dewey of Plainfield, N. J., May 9, 1866; reside in Middletown, N. Y.
 3. Amos Stanley, b. Jan. 17, 1848.
 4. William Edward, b. July 14, 1853.
 5. George Francis, b. Mar. 29, 1859; d. Mar. 13, 1865.

3. *Amos S.*, son of Amos and Harriet Douglas, m. Eva Morenus of Franklin, N. J., Apr., 1868; resides in Middletown, N. Y.

Maud.

1. *ERWIN, Charles*, son of John and Phebe Erwin of Roxbury, was born Mar. 17, 1802; m. Mary Fenn Apr. 26, 1833, and a short time after he settled in Bridgewater on the old Doct. Reuben Warner place.

2. Sally Ann, b. Sept. 21, 1834; d. Sept. 28, 1849.
3. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 13, 1838; m. Cyrus A. Todd Aug. 11, 1862.
4. Homer Fenn, b. June 3, 1840; d. Apr. 2, 1864.
5. Charles H., b. May 8, 1842.
6. Laura, b. July 30, 1844; m. James E. Barnum Dec. 12, 1865.
7. Darwin, b. July 2, 1855.
8. Lyman, b. July 30, 1861.

GARLICK, Henry, and wife Elizabeth, came from England to New Milford about 1742, and was prominent as a farmer and a member of the Episcopal Church.

1. Sarah, b. Dec. 22, 1718; in Milford; m. William Prime.
2. Emeline, b. Mar. 3, 1721-2.
3. William, b. Jan. 2, 1724-5.
4. Henry, b. Apr. 5, 1727; m. Mary Williams Jan. 18, 1740.
5. Read, b. Dec. 24, 1730; m. Mary Stone Dec. 7, 1752.
6. Heath, b. Oct. 21, 1733.
- By 2d wife.
7. William, b. Jan. 18, 1742.
8. Reuben, b. Mar. 29, 1743.
9. Abel, b. June 20, 1749.
10. Seth, b. Nov. 26, 1752.

5. *Read*, son of Henry and Elizabeth Garlick, m. Mary Stone Dec. 7, 1752.

11. Lemuel, bapt. Dec. 12, 1756.
12. Asahel, bapt. Dec. 12, 1756.
13. Lucy, bapt. July 8, 1759.
14. Lois, bapt. Mar. 11, 1764.
15. Edmund, bapt. July 12, 1767.

6. *Heath*, son of Henry and Elizabeth Garlick, m. Sarah Seelye of Kent, Feb. 8, 1764.

16. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 11, 1764.
17. Daniel, b. Oct. 19, 1766.
18. Sarah, } b. Oct. 3, 1772.
19. Eunice, }

17. *Daniel*, son of Heath and Sarah Garlick, m. Thalia Beecher Nov. 5, 1788.

20. Ebenezer, b. June 4, 1790.

1. *GREEN, David*, m. Mary Sacket July 12, 1759, and about the same time settled in New Milford.

2. David, b. Aug. 24, 1761; removed to Pompey, N. Y.
3. Gideon, b. Aug. 10, 1763; removed to N. Y. State.
4. Jairus, b. Jan. 20, 1766.
5. Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1768; m. Abram Northrop of Sherman.
6. Tabitha, b. Jan. 20, 1771.
7. Martha, b. Dec. 6, 1773.

1. HOYT, William, came to New Milford and m. Paulina Ferriss Sept. 18, 1836.

George, b. Dec. 25, 1837; d. Sept. 29, 1849.

Andrew, b. Aug. 25, 1841; d. Oct. 7, 1849.

George Andrew, b. Dec. 21, 1849; m.

William Francis, b. Aug. 2, 1851; d. July 1, 1859.

Mary Lavinna; m. William Sullivan.

KEELER, Stephen B., and wife Sally, from Ridgefield, Conn., came in 1813 to Bridgewater.

James H., son of Stephen B. and ———, m. Harriet Skidmore Apr. 20, 1836, and has followed farming, the mercantile business, and the cattle trade. (See sketch.) Ch.:

Robert, b. Mar. 8, 1841.

James H., b. Feb. 4, 1843.

1. KNAPP, Levi, from Danbury; settled in New Milford.

2. Lucy Alma.

5. Eunice Abigail; m. Ebenezer Sanford.

3. Joshua Gaylord; m. Julia Ferriss; resides in Danbury.

6. Levi Sidney, b. June 10, 1801.

4. William Albert; m. 1st, Lucy Lines; 2d, Eliza Sanford.

4. William A., son of Levi Knapp, m. 1st, Lucy Lines; 2d, Eliza, dau. of Ebenezer Sanford. Ch.:

7. William; a lawyer, now in Denver, Col.

8. George S.; m.; residence, Unionville, Conn.

6. Levi S., son of Levi Knapp, m. Eliza Robards, Dec. 9, 1823. He is a shoe merchant in New Milford.

9. Sarah.

11. Garardus.

10. Frederick.

1. McEwen, George, came to New Milford about 1742, and became prominent as a citizen, and in sustaining the Episcopal Church from its commencement. He had several children, but only the following is found on the town records.

2. John McEwen, (McEuen) m. Elizabeth Hill of Fairfield, (perhaps sister to Silas Hill,) Apr. 30, 1754.

3. George, b. Mar. 13, 1755.

6. John, b. Jan. 9, 1762.

4. James, b. Apr. 25, 1757.

7. Robert, b. Apr. 24, 1764.

5. William, b. Sept. 18, 1759.

8. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 18, 1768.

1. MERWIN, David, son of John of Milford, came to New Milford and m. Mary Noble, Dec. 23, 1742. He died Apr. 19, 1792. His father gave him 100 acres of land on Second Hill, southern part, Dec. 16, 1742, and on this land he settled soon after.

2. David, b. Mar. 7, 1742-3; d. May 7, 1754.

6. Mary, b. Apr. 5, 1755.

3. John, b. Aug. 24, 1744; m.

7. David, b. July 3, 1757; m. at Palmyra, O.

4. Mary, b. Apr. 21, 1748; d. May 13, 1754.

8. Hannah, } b. Nov. 14, 1760.

5. Abel, b. Sep. 18, 1750; m. Rebecca Noble, and d. in N. M. in 1823.

9. Jonathan, }

10. Abigail, b. Mar. 22, 1764.

3. John, son of David and Mary Merwin, m. Mercy Warner, Nov. 6, 1766. She died Nov. 7, 1776. He m. 2d, Ruth Welch, Dec. 31, 1777. She died Mar. 14, 1816. He m. 3d, Widow Dibble. He died May 22, 1826, aged 81.

11. Mercy, b. Aug. 9, 1767.

By 2d wife.

12. Clarina, b. Feb. 17, 1769.

17. Jonathan, b. Nov. 8, 1788; d. Apr. 12, 1782.

13. Onor, b. June 16, 1771; m. Truman Strong, Aug. 8, 1799.

18. Hannah, b. Mar. 12, 1781.

14. Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1772; d. Oct., 1776.

19. Betsey, b. Oct. 12, 1783.

15. John Warner, b. Sep. 16, 1774.

20. Lois, b. July 25, 1785.

16. Ichabod, b. July, 1776; d. of small-pox, Mar. 1778.

21. Daniel, b. Mar. 28, 1788.

22. Homer, b. Jan. 15, 1792; d. June 3, 1816.

1. Merwin, Miles, m. Mary —.

2. Stephen, b. Sept. 4, 1751.

2. Stephen, son of Miles and Mary Merwin, m. Martha Smith, June 7, 1775.
She died April 16, 1812, aged 60 years.

3. David, b. Nov. 11, 1777.

7. Miles, b. Oct. 14, 1787.

4. Stephen, b. May 4, 1780.

8. Elizabeth Mary, b. Apr. 10, 1790.

5. Anna, b. Nov. 17, 1782.

9. Samuel Tibbals, b. Dec. 23, 1792.

6. Martha, b. Feb. 2, 1785.

3. David, son of Stephen and Martha Merwin, m. Sarah Brownson, Feb. 23, 1804. She died June 14, 1831.

10. Cornelia Mary A., b. Apr. 20, 1807.

11. Harrison Brownson, b. July 20, 1813.

1. Merwin, Joseph, of Milford, born June 19, 1768, m. Gratia, dau. of Samuel Candee, Nov. 3, 1793. She was born Jan. 8, 1769, and died Oct. 5, 1839. He died Aug. 22, 1850. He settled on the southwestern part of Candlewood Mountain in 1801, where his father or grandfather purchased land in 1751.

2. Lois Candee, b. Aug. 3, 1794; m. John McMahon, and d. at the age of 22; had Joseph N. and Lois C.

5. Gratia Minerva, b. Aug. 31, 1803; d. Nov. 18, 1881.

3. David Hervey, b. July 20, 1796; m. Mary Chamberlin.

6. Marcus Elliott, } twins, b. Sep. 8, 1807.
d. Aug. 28, 1867.

4. Nathan Sherman, b. Nov. 24, 1800; d. Dec. 31, 1804.

7. Marcia Harriot, } m. Rev. Maltby Gelston.

1. Merwin, Abel, of Long Mountain, had ch.:

2. Harmon; m.; had Noble W., Abel, Charles, and Homer.

4. Daniel; m. — Marsh of Vt.

3. Homer; d. aged 20.

5. Sylvanus, b. June 15, 1802.

5. Sylvanus, son of Abel Merwin, m. Flora A. Graves in 1823. She died Mar. 26, 1882. He resides at Merwinsville, near Gaylord's Bridge.

6. Charles E.; m.

8. Edward S.; m.; resides in Moodus, Ct.

7. John Cotton; m.; had Elizabeth Maria.

9. Helen C.; m. Edgar R. Hurd.

1. Merwin, Miles, born in Wales, England, in 1623¹, emigrated to America in 1645, and bought a tract of land on Long Island Sound, called Pond Point, and still known as Merwin's Point. He was a tanner and currier, and also engaged in commerce, being part owner in two brigs and a sloop. He died Apr. 3, 1697. He had seven children by his first wife, who died in 1664. He m. 2d, the widow of Thomas Beach, and by her had ten children.**2. John, son of Miles by the first marriage, m. and lived on the old homestead, and had three children.****3. John, 2d, son of John Merwin, was born in 1680; m., and lived on the old homestead, and had five children.****4. Joseph, son of John Merwin 2d, m. Margaret, dau. of John Fowler; resided in Milford, and had ten children.****5. David, the son of Joseph, was born Oct. 11, 1746, and died Apr. 25, 1826.** He m. Tamesin Comstock, and settled in New Milford.**6. Orange, son of David, m. Tryphena Warner; settled in Merryall, and was an unusually enterprising farmer; was a member of Congress, and by his public, popular influence, did his native town much honor.** He was a great friend of Hon. Elijah Boardman. He m. 2d, Lydia S. Bostwick.

7. Caroline.

By 2d wife.

8. Henry.

10. Harriet.

9. Tryphena.

11. Charlotte.

12. Horace.

1. PECK, Andrew, son of Henry and Hannah Peck, m. Lucinda Terrill and settled at first in Newtown, where he resided until 1813, when he removed to New Milford, in Bridgewater Society on Second Hill, where he died Aug. 25, 1826. His widow, Lucinda, died Sept. 5, 1848, æ. 73. His father, Henry Peck, resided in Newtown, his grandfather, Ephraim Peck, removed from Milford to Newtown; he being the son of Joseph Peck of Milford, who was the son of Joseph Peck, the first of the name in New Haven, where his name appears about 1643. Andrew Peck of Bridgewater had ch.:

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| 2. Mercy, b. Apr. 25, 1795; m. Sylvester Sherman. | 6. Sally, b. Jan. 17, 1807; m. Hiram Keeler, Dec., 1826. |
| 3. Sherman, b. Mar. 8, 1797. | 7. Minerva, b. June 3, 1810; m. Daniel Keeler, Jan. 3, 1831. |
| 4. Amy, b. Oct. 4, 1799; m. Daniel Merwin, Nov. 26, 1805. | 8. John, b. Apr. 15, 1813.† |
| 5. George, b. Nov. 5, 1802; residence in Southbury. | 9. Maria, b. Jan. 19, 1816; m. Andrew Weller; residence in Roxbury. |

3. Sherman, son of Andrew and Lucinda Peck, m. Electa Young, who died Nov. 13, 1835, æ. 29; m. 2d Lois Livingston, April 10, 1836. His residence was in Bridgewater, where he was of prominence, holding various offices and being a member of the Legislature.

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| 10. Henry S., b. May 30, 1834; d. Nov. 30, 1859. | 13. Ann Maria; m. Frederick Jones. |
| 11. Edgar L.; m. Martha Keeler, Nov. 13, 1861. | 14. Frederick A. |
| 12. Edwin Y.; was drowned May 22, 1863. | 15. Ophelia L.; m. Daniel Canfield. |

8. John, son of Andrew and Lucinda Peck, m. 1st Sarah Edwards of Roxbury, and 2d Harriet Jacox of New Haven. He has been and is a farmer on Second Hill, but resides in New Milford village. Ch.:

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| Julea; m. Eynetus Erwin of Bridgewater. | Nancy J.; m. Nicholas Staub; had Verton |
| Sylvia; m. Bruce Beach of Bridgewater. | George, John Howard. |

Edgar L., son of Sherman and Electa Peck, m. Martha Keeler, Nov. 13, 1864.
 Fannie Eugenia.
 Henry Sherman.
 Robert Keeler.
 Edwin Livingston.
 Lottie Edith.

1. PECK, Peter, m. Sarah Terrill, Dec. 7, 1768.

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| 2. Reuben, b. Feb. 8, 1772. | 4. Edmund, b. Nov. 21, 1778. |
| 3. Daniel, b. Jan. 22, 1775. | |

8. PECK, Joseph, m. Priscilla Starr of Danbury, Nov. 1, 1787. She d. Nov. 20, 1788. He married 2d, Urania Bennett, Dec. 20, 1790.

2. Priscilla, b. Oct. 8, 1788.

1. PECK, Elijah, m. Lovinia, dau. of Lewis Booth, Feb., 1823; residence in Bridgewater.

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| 2. Cornelius Wooster, b. Sept. 3, 1824. | 7. Louisa Emeline, b. Mar. 8, 1835. |
| 3. Clark Skinner, b. Nov. 13, 1825. | 8. Adaline Minor, b. Sept. 5, 1837. |
| 4. Dwight Woodruff, b. Mar. 17, 1828. | 9. Clarinda Booth, b. Oct. 4, 1843. |
| 5. Jane Morris, b. Sept. 13, 1829. | 10. Ellen Amanda, b. Aug. 25, 1849; d. June 29, 1850. |
| 6. Welthy Maria, b. May 12, 1832. | |

1. PIERCY, Henry R., m. in N. M., Rebecca Jones. He is a harness maker in New Milford village, but resides at Gaylord's Bridge.

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| 2. Andrew R.; m. ——— Clark, and had Alice and Clarence. | 3. Alta J.; m. John Talbot; had Charles Henry. |
| | 4. Henrietta; m. Levi Stone. |

1. RICHMOND, Ephraim, m. Martha Seelye, Dec. 2, 1754. He died Oct. 22, 1800. His father, Silas, died in N. M., Feb. 21, 1784.

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| 2. Jonathan, b. Jan. 20, 1756. | 5. Annis, b. Nov. 5, 1762. |
| 3. Rhoda, b. Feb. 27, 1758. | 6. Edmund, b. May 3, 1765. |
| 4. Truman, b. Aug. 14, 1760. | 7. Asahel, b. July 6, 1767; d. Nov. 18, 1772. |

8. Seelye, b. Mar. 8, 1770.
9. Mary, b. Apr. 7, 1773.
10. Avis, b. Sept. 21, 1775.

11. Martha, b. July 5, 1777.
12. Ephraim, b. Jan. 28, 1783.

2. Jonathan, son of Ephraim and Martha Richmond, m. Amarillis Chambers of Newtown, Aug. 14, 1779.

13. Thomas Chambers, b. Mar. 30, 1780, in Woodbury.
14. Sarah Anne, b. Apr. 14, 1782, in New Milford.
15. Aurille, b. Dec. 28, 1783, in Woodbury.
16. Annis, b. Apr. 25, 1786, in N. M.
17. Pauline, b. June 13, 1788.
18. Laura, b. Nov. 16, 1790.

6. Edmund, son of Ephraim and Martha Richmond, m. Huldah Frisbie, Dec. 1, 1785.

19. Roswell, b. July 14, 1787.
20. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 19, 1789.
21. Edmund, b. Nov. 19, 1791.
22. Seth, b. Dec. 23, 1794.
23. Guy, b. Feb. 26, 1797.
24. David, b. Aug. 1, 1799.

8. Seelye, son of Ephraim and Martha Richmond, m. Mehetable Blakeslee, Aug. 12, 1789.

25. Truman, b. Apr. 27, 1790.
26. Daughter, b. Nov. 5, 1791; d. Nov. 6, 1781.

12. Ephraim, Jr., son of Ephraim and Martha Richmond, m.

27. Phileas, b. Mar. 31, 1829.
28. Asahel, b. June 6, 1833.
29. John, b. Jan. 12, 1842.

STONE, Benajah, of Branford, bought in February, 1742, the 38th lot in New Milford North Purchase, estimated at 70 acres, for £100 current money. In May, 1749, he being then of Woodbury, bought of Job Gould 130 acres of land, with a dwelling house and barn, "bounded southward and eastward on highway." This was apparently on the road running northward from Park lane, on the east side of the valley. In September of the same year he was living in New Milford, and probably on this farm. In 1752 he purchased another 70 acres in the North Purchase.

Stone, Benajah, Jr., son of Benajah Stone, m. Mary Canfield, Nov. 19, 1755. He died June 1, 1773, aged 41 years. Mary, his widow, died April 17, 1812, æ. 79 years.

Hannah, bapt. Oct. 25, 1756.

Benajah, bapt. May 28, 1758.

1. STONE, Asahel, brother of Benjamin, Leman, and Daniel, m. 1st Sarah Beardsley; 2d, Lucy Chittenden. His home was on the Litchfield road, a little way north of the Park lane school-house.

2. Asahel, bapt. June 5, 1763; removed to western N. Y.
3. Sarah, bapt. June 5, 1763; m. John Couch.
4. David, bapt. June 5, 1763.
5. Lois, bapt. Mar. 25, 1764; m. Noah Judson of Woodbury.
6. Truman, bapt. Oct. 25, 1767; went with Jemima Wilkinson to Genesee.
7. Wells, bapt. Feb. 3, 1771; m. Polly Wetmore, Dec. 29, 1791.
8. Isaac, bapt. Apr. 4, 1773.
9. Nathaniel.
10. John; removed to Sharon.
11. Edward Hinman, b. Oct. 4, 1781.
12? Phebe; m. ——— Guthrie.
13. Annis; m. Abiel Baldwin.

8. Isaac, son of Asahel Stone, m. Patty Camp, and lived at the old home-
stead, and in the old house now standing, which was built in 1816, in which he kept a tavern. Ch.:

14. Laura; d. unm.
15. Almon, b. Nov. 2, 1805.
16. Emaline; m. Thaddeus Percy; had Truman.

11. Edward H., son of Asahel Stone, m. Mary Stevens of Milford, Conn., in 1811, and settled at Rhinebeck, N. Y., where he remained a few years and removed to western New York.

17. Mary Ann.
18. Caroline; m. Charles Forger.
19. Catharine; m. James Partree.
20. Eliphalet Stevens, b. in 1825, in Yates Co.,
N. Y. He is a farmer near Oconomowoc, Wis.
21. Aurelia; resides in Plainfield, Iowa.

15. Almon, son of Isaac and Patty Stone, m. Elizabeth Bailey of N. Y. in Feb., 1838.

- 22. Edwin B.
- 23. Charles H.
- 24. Clinton C.

25. Jane E.; m. Edwin Woodruff in 1864; removed to Rensselaerville, N. Y.

22. Edwin B., son of Almon and Elizabeth Stone, m. 1st. Rachel A. Wolsey, Dec. 31, 1863, who died May 1, 1869. He m. 2d, Emma Jane Newton of Roxbury, Sept. 20, 1872. He resides on the old homestead.

C. Woolsey.
Seymour R.

By 2d wife.

Eva.
Edwin B.
Clarence.

1. Stone, Ithiel, m. Martha, dau. of Theophilus Baldwin, June 6, 1753; resides in north part of N. M.

2. Julius.

Benjamin J., son of Chauncey and ——— Stone, m. Mary Ann, dau. of Stephen Beecher, Oct. 10, 1838. They reside in New Milford village.

Courtland Beecher; m. Martha A. Doty, Aug., 1867; had May Diamond, Benjamin, Amy.

1. Stone, Reuben, m. Deborah Comstock, Sep. 21, 1773.

- 2. Ithiel, b. Aug. 16, 1774.
- 3. John, b. Aug. 12, 1776.
- 4. Lucinda, b. May 20, 1779.
- 5. Daniel, b. Aug. 12, 1782.

- 6. Solomon, b. Aug. 1, 1785.
- 7. Tamison, b. Mar. 20, 1787.
- 8. Harriet, b. Sep. 19, 1796.

1. Stone, Isaac, m. Laura, dau. of Jared Terrill in 1807.

- 2. Jared Merwin.
- 3. Fanny, b. 1810; m. David M. Stewart, in 1834, and d. in 1839.
- 4. Earl Seymour, b. 1813.

- 5. Laura, b. 1816; m. 1st, Robert Ford; 2d, Recompence Murphy.
- 6. Harriet, b. 1824; m. Dr. ——— Florer; d. in 1849.
- 7. George H., b. 1827; m. Harriet Beale.

1. WOOSTER, Jabez, son of Timothy and Abigail Wooster, was born in 1728. His father may have had his residence in Oxford, but his grandfather Timothy resided on his farm just below the village of Seymour, on the west side of the Naugatuck; and his great-grandfather, Edward Wooster, was the first permanent resident in Derby, with two or three others, all from Milford. Jabez Wooster bought land in Bridgewater as early as 1772, "southwesterly of the Great Falls," and settled on it and followed farming. (See page 247.)

- 2. Peter, b. 1762.
- 3. Isaac.

2. Peter, son of Jabez and ——— Wooster, m. Betsey Canfield, Jan. 16, 1787, and was a farmer on his father's homestead. He died Sep. 12, 1798.

- 4. John, b. Mar. 27, 1790.
- 5. Susannah.

4. John, son of Peter and Betsey Wooster, m. Jerusha, dau. of David and Sarah Lockwood.

- 6. Mary E.; m. Harmon Treat.
- 7. Peter.

- 8. David.
- 9. Susan; m. Lorenzo D. Sanford; and had Martha, Mary E., and John W.

YOUNG, Henry B.

Stanley M.
Mary C.
Calvert H.

Frederick A.
Martha C.

Stanley M., son of Henry B. and ——— Young, m. Mary L. Morrell.

Frederick A., m. Urania E. Buck.

67. Baldwin, Ebenezer, son of Theophilus Baldwin (No. 25, in the first family, page 638), m. ———; settled in Dover, N. Y., where he died ———.

1. William; is living in Norwalk, Conn.

2. David; was in the late war; m. Jane Sherman; is postmaster in New Milford; has Carrie.

1. BOOTH, Lewis, m. Jerusha Hurd, Aug. 30, 1784. He d. Apr. 29, 1850, about 90 years of age. She d. Apr. 10, 1852, about 90 years of age.

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| 2. Josiah, b. Jan. 11, 1785; d. in 1791. | 8. David, b. Oct. 23, 1794. † |
| 3. Mead, b. Jan. 24, 1787; went to Ohio. | 9. Jerusha, b. Oct. 12, 1796; m. ——— Roberts. |
| 4. Eli, b. Nov. 23, 1788; went to Ohio. | 10. Clarinda, b. Nov. 5, 1798; m. Daniel Minor. |
| 5. Sally, } twins, { d. July 5, 1843. | 11. Judson, b. Mar. 11, 1801; d. June 23, 1851. |
| 6. Jerusha, } b. Dec. 7, 1790; { d. in 1793. | 12. Lovinia, b. Feb. 19, 1803; m. Elijah Peck. |
| 7. Josiah, b. in 1794; d. Mar. 28, 1830, in New York city, aged 36. | |

8. David, son of Lewis and Jerusha Booth, m. Hetty Clark, Feb. 2, 1820. He was a farmer in Bridgewater, and d. Nov. 3, 1857.

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| 13. Lewis, b. June 7, 1821. | 18. Henry, b. Oct. 19, 1834. |
| 14. Charles Hurd, b. July 27, 1824. | 19. Abigail, b. June 11, 1837; m. Reuben H. Sherwood of Trumbull, Ct. |
| 15. Charlott, b. Dec. 26, 1826. | 20. Emily S., b. July 16, 1841; m. James N. Knowles. |
| 16. Sarah B., b. Feb. 28, 1829. | |
| 17. Elvira, b. Aug. 6, 1831; m. James M. Hallock. | |

14. Charles II., son of David and Hetty Booth, m. Celestia Millicent, dau. of John Cross of Cornwall, Feb. 7, 1847. He has been a merchant in New Milford more than twenty years. Ch.:

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| 21. John; d. 2 years of age. | 22. Clarissa Millicent; m. John P. Treadwell. |
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62. BROWNSON, Isaac, (No. 62, p. 670,) son of Thomas and Betty Brownson, m. Joanna, dau. of John Beardslee of New Milford, Dec. 5, 1782. He removed with his family from New Milford in 1794, to Wyalusing, Susquehannah Co., Pa., where he resided until his decease.

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| 83. Loraine, b. June 23, 1783, at New Milford; m. Loyd Goodsel. | 87. John Milton, b. Dec. 19, 1793, at New Milford. |
| 84. Betsey, b. Nov. 25, 1785, at New Milford. | 88. Myron Kansom, b. Feb. 9, 1799, at Wyalusing. |
| 85. Ann, b. May 4, 1789, at New Milford. | 89. Isaac, b. Dec. 29, 1802. |
| 86. Elisha, b. May 29, 1791, at New Milford. | 90. Therou, b. Oct. 30, 1806. |

83. Lorain, dau. of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. Loyd Goodsel. He was b. Dec. 25, 1775. He d. July 4, 1860. She d. June 2, 1877.

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| I. Amanda Goodsel, b. Feb. 15, 1802; m. ——— Harris; had 15 ch. | VI. Eliza M. Goodsel, b. Apr. 2, 1816; m. ——— Garrison. |
| II. David Goodsel, b. Sept. 23, 1806; d. Apr. 19, 1812. | VII. Loraine Goodsel, b. Sept. 8, 1818; m. Harry Jewett of Owego, N. Y. |
| III. Phebe Goodsel, b. Feb. 10, 1809; d. Sept. 23, 1813. | VIII. Nelson Goodsel, } twins, b. May 1, 1821. |
| IV. Betsey Goodsel, b. June 30, 1811; m. twice. | IX. Nellie Goodsel, |
| V. Phebe Goodsel, b. Oct. 30, 1813; m. Nat. Billings. | X. Mary Goodsel. |

84. Betsey, dau. of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. George Claggett.

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| I. Harriet Claggett, b. Nov. 25, 1815; m. Sept. 19, 1851, Silas Barner, a Methodist minister. | III. W. P. Claggett, b. Mar. 24, 1821; m. |
| II. Rhemy Ann Claggett, b. Oct. 19, 1817; m. | IV. George, b.; m.; has ch. |
| | V. Cynthia E., b. Nov. 12, 1826; m.; left ch. |

85. Ann, dau. of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. Benjamin Babcock, Apr. 18, 1809.

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| I. William D., b. Jan. 20, 1811. | VI. Valeria Ann, b. Sept. 7, 1821; m. A. W. Archibald of Owego, N. Y. |
| II. John B. G., b. Mar. 29, 1813. | VII. Caroline J., b. Nov. 23, 1823; d. |
| III. Harriet N., b. May 8, 1815. | VIII. Joannah, b. Sept. 5, 1825; m. |
| IV. Helen M., b. June 1, 18—; d. | |
| V. Andrew Jackson, b. Aug. 18, 1819; d. | |

86. Elisha, son of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. Mary Titus, Oct. 20, 1823. She was b. Dec. 25, 1805.

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| 91. Elizabeth Maria, b. Sept. 14, 1814. | 95. Gibson B., b. July 30, 1832; m. |
| 92. Isaac Willis, b. Nov. 19, 1826; m. | 96. Joanna Mary, b. May 7, 1834; m. |
| 93. Asa Gould, b. Sept. 4, 1827; m. | 97. Emily Frances, b. July 31, 1838; d. |
| 94. John Milton, b. Nov. 4, 1830; m. | 98. Harriet Amanda, b. Jan. 7, 1845; m. |

87. John M., son of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. Mary McBride; settled in Rush, Susquehanna Co., Pa.; d. in 1832.

99. Clinton, who resides in Clinton, Iowa.

88. Myron K., son of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, studied medicine and settled at Exeter, Scott Co., Ill., in 1823; m. Mrs. Nancy Williams. He removed to Joliet, Ill.; lived there many years; removed to California, where he d. May 23, 1879. His widow lives with her dau. at Joliet, Ill.

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| 100. Mason Dennison, b. Oct. 28, 1828; has been a journalist. | 103. Joanna Mary, b. June 9, 1737; m. Jonathan Gibson; live in Neb.; 6 ch. |
| 101. Frances W.-V., b. Dec. 16, 1830; m. Wm. Robbins; 5 ch. | 104. Vaisa, b. June 9, 1842; m. John J. Mack of Joliet, Ill.; 7 ch. |
| 102. Donna Maria; m. Henry Altman of Newton, Kan.; 3 ch. | 105. Isadore, b. July 28, 1845; m. Harry Jennings; 1 ch. |

89. Isaac, Jr., son of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, m. Sally Bailey in 1822; lived and died in Rush, Pa., and left a number of children and descendants.

90. Theron, son of Isaac and Joanna Brownson, remained with his parents in Pa., until 17 years of age, on the farm, and then spent four years learning the tanning business, but never worked at the trade after serving his time. On the 29th of Sept., 1828, he left home for Illinois, and traveled through Owego, Rochester, Buffalo, and Erie, Pa., thence to the Ohio River, and down that by steamboat to Louisville, Ky., thence by stage through Indiana to Jacksonville, Ill., thence on foot 15 miles to Exeter, now Scott Co., where he found his brother Myron, and where he remained two years. He then went to Chicago, 250 miles, alone, traveling on horseback, sometimes as far as fifty miles without seeing a human habitation; was present at the first sale of town lots in Chicago in the 1st day of October, 1830. That town could then boast of but thirteen families, and a small garrison of U. S. soldiers, about 80 in number. He remained there one week and returned to Exeter. He m. Dec. 18, 1831, Agnes J. Wheeler, who was born at Rutland, Vt., and settled in Exeter. In November, 1849, he started for Texas, and on the way the steamboat Wyandott, on which he sailed from St. Louis, struck a snag and sank, but no lives were lost—baggage saved in a moist condition—and another boat took them to New Orleans. From New Orleans he went by steamship to Indianola in one week, where he spent the winter with his wife's brother, J. O. Wheeler, from Rutland, Vt. In the spring he returned to his family in Illinois, and in November, 1852, removed with his family to Clinton, Texas. His wife, Agnes J., died at Victoria, Texas, Mar. 3, 1879, where he resides with his son, John M. Brownson. Ch.:

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| 106. Credelia Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1832; m. in 1853, Joseph H. Stanley, a native of Eng. He died in New Orleans in 1881, where the family had lived after 1866. They had ch.: Jane, James L., Katie, Fannie, Jessie, George M., Jeannett A., and Gertrude—all are residing in Animas, Colorado. | 107. John Milton, b. Dec. 28, 1836. |
| | 108. Thaddeus Jesse, b. Oct. 3, 1842. |
| | 109. Fannie L., b. Mar. 3, 1845; m. at Victoria, Texas, Apr. 30, 1878, Rev. George R. Waddell, a Presbyterian minister. They reside in Batesville, Arkansas, and have ch.: Nettie, and a son. |

107. John M., son of Theron and Agnes J. Brownson, served four years in the Confederate Army; was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and had his horse killed under him. At the close of the war in 1865, he removed from Clinton to Victoria, Texas, where he married Aug. 23, 1870, Kate Fleming McDow of Fayette Co., Texas. They reside at Victoria. His wife is a native of Alabama.

108. Thaddeus J., son of Theron and Agnes J. Brownson, m. Hibernia Lynch, Dec. 18, 1866, and resides at Cuero, De Witt Co., Texas. Ch.:

110. Emmett Lynch, b. Sept. 14, 1867.

113. Kate McDow, b. Oct. 9, 1876.

111. Theron Stanley, b. Mar. 4, 1870.

114. Jesse, b. May 24, 1879.

112. Agnes Jennett, b. Aug. 18, 1872.

1. MINOR, Truman, m. Sarah Minor, July 5, 1792.

2. Daniel, b. Oct. 17, 1794.

Abigail, b. May 10, 1801.

John, b. Oct. 18, 1797.

Curtis.

Minor, Christopher, m. Lucy Averil, Dec. 1, 1767.

Anna, b. Feb. 26, 1769; d. Mar. 22, 1771.

Nathan, b. Mar. 29, 1771.

2. Daniel, son of Truman and Sarah Minor, m. Emily E., dau. of Arby Curtis Lockwood, Jan. 15, 1840.

Laura Mead.

Eli Clark; m. Ida Prindle; had Robert, Herbert, Lyman E.

Daniel Lyman.

Elizabeth; m. Charles Russell; had Emily.

NOBLE, Israel (No. 73, p. 743), son of Stephen and Sarah Noble, m. Lucy Benedict, Jan. 2, 1761. He d. in Kent, June 18, 1819, æ. 84. She d. Jan. 1, 1809, æ. 67.

204. Annis, b. Jan. 21, 1762.

209. David, b. Sept. 30, 1772.

205. Amarilla, b. Sept., 1764.

210. Lucy, b. June 17, 1775.

206. Jonathan, b. July 1, 1767; +

211. Zechariah, b. July 28, 1776; d. y.

207. David, b. Apr. 18, 1769; d.

212. Sarah, b. July 13, 1777.

208. Zachariah, b. Sept. 22, 1770.

213. Elisha, b. Aug. 26, 1784.

206. Jonathan, son of Israel and Lucy Noble, m. Laura Mecker, in 1811; residence in Kent.

214. Israel, b. Feb. 14, 1812; +

217. Laura, b. July 5, 1821.

215. Lucy, b. July 25, 1814.

218. Jarvis, b. Apr. 15, 1826.

216. David, b. Aug. 26, 1816.

219. Almira, b. Mar. 28, 1829.

214. Israel, son of Jonathan and Laura Noble, m. 1st, Charlana, dau. of Garadus Ferriss of N. M., Nov. 25, 1834. He is a farmer in New Milford. His wife Charlana died Aug. 20, 1870, æ. 70. He m. 2d, Mrs. Elizabeth Crotty. Ch.:

Henry; m. Laura Erwin, Mar. 20, 1874.

Dealie Bridget.

216. David, son of Jonathan and Laura Noble, m. Eliza Cole, Mar. 13, 1849, and settled in Kent.

Chloe Almira.

Howard Cole; m. Hattie E. Stanley, Apr. 8, 1876; had Katie Eliza.

1. OSBORN, Stephen, was born in 1748; and came from Quaker Hill, N. Y., where he had m. Sarah "Boorn," July 26, 1775, to New Milford, probably about the time of his marriage. His wife Sarah died Nov. 23, 1833. He died Mar. 4, 1825.

2. Mary, b. Jan. 30, 1776; m. Husted Wanzer.

9. John, } twins, b. Dec. 17, 1787;

3. Hannah, b. May 21, 1777; d. unm.

10. Anna, } m. Eph. B. Russ
of Rensselaerville, N. Y.

4. Isaac, b. Jan. 8, 1779; m. Ruth White; removed to Otsego Co., N. Y.

11. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 7, 1787; removed to Rensselaerville, N. Y.

5. Freelove, b. Apr. 21, 1780; m. Abram Briggs of Sherman.

12. Daniel, b. Sept. 3, 1791; d. y.

6. Stephen, b. Nov. 4, 1781; settled in Sherman.

13. Susannah, b. Feb. 20, 1793; m. Lyman B. Morehouse.

7. Phebe, b. May 15, 1784; m. Peter Hoyt of Sherman.

14. David, b. July 5, 1795; m. Hepzibah Fisher.

8. Sarah, b. Apr. 19, 1786; m. Michael Briggs of Sherman.

15. Cynthia, b. Apr. 13, 1797; m. Daniel Wanzer; went to Scipio, N. Y.

FEAT, John, from Duffield Parish, Co. Derby, Eng., came to America in the Hopewell, from London, in 1635. He was aged 38 years. He settled in Strat-

ford, and died there in 1678, leaving wife Sarah and children, among whom was John, who m. Mary Morehouse, May 12, 1696, and had 3 sons and 3 daus., among whom was David, b. June 30, 1698, who m. Mary Titherton, Oct. 1, 1719, and had children:

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| 1. Samuel, b. Apr. 1, 1720. | 3. Mehetable. |
| 2. John; settled in N. M. | 4. Thaddeus; settled in N. M. |

The following are all the records obtained:

Samuel, son of David, m. Sarah Wildman; settled in New Milford about 1750.

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| 5. Joseph. | 7. Sarah. |
| 6. Huldah. | 8. Mary; and perhaps others. |

1. PEET, Riley, m. Sarah, and had recorded ch.:

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| 2. Laura Maria, b. July 24, 1715. | 6. Samuel Riley, b. Jan. 10, 1827. |
| 3. Sarah Florinda, b. June 3, 1818. | 7. Rachel Ann, b. Apr. 25, 1829. |
| 4. Lucy Amarillis, b. July 8, 1820. | 8. Mary Augusta, b. June 6, 1834. |
| 5. Roccelania, b. Jan. 26, 1824. | 9. Sherman Turrill, b. July 9, 1837. |

1. Peet, Abraham, m. Hannah Roberts, Mar. 16, 1775. She died Apr. 14, 1776.

2. Hannah Roberts, b. Apr. 6, 1776.

PHILLIPS, Elisha, m. Innocent ———.

John, b. May 28, 1737; m. Ann Burden, Nov. 17, 1757, and had Elisha, b. Jan. 23, 1759.

Phillips, Benjamin, and wife Mary.

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| 1. Reuben, b. May 8, 1755. | 5. Mary, b. July 14, 1762. |
| 2. Huldah, b. Aug. 4, 1756. | 6. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 29, 1764. |
| 3. Jarnel, b. Aug. 31, 1758. | 7. "Bula," b. Jan. 15, 1766. |
| 4. Shubel, b. Dec. 10, 1760. | |

PLATT, Samuel, m. Anne Welch, Aug. 17, 1749.

Sarah, b. Oct. 19, 1750.

Jerusha, b. May 23, 1754.

Platt, Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah and Hannah of Milford, was born Dec. 12, 1747, m. Mary, dau. of Miles and Mary Merwin, Mar. 17, 1770. She was b. Dec. 18, 1753.

Jeremiah, b. Oct. 20, 1772.

Newton, b. Oct. 18, 1779.

Hannah, b. May 1, 1777.

1. SCHROEDER, Rev. John F., m. Caroline Maria, dau. of Hon. Elijah Boardman, May 22, 1825.

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| 2. Caroline Maria; d. young. | 7. Eliza Margaretta; m. Col. Mason W. Tyler of New York city; had William Seymour Tyler and Cornelius Boardman Tyler. |
| 3. John Frederick. | |
| 4. George Boardman; d. young. | 8. William Henry; d. aged 4 months. |
| 5. Mary Anna; d. aged 10 years. | 9. Henry Hermann. |
| 6. Cornelia Elizabeth; m. George W. Wright, a lawyer of New York city. | |

8. Henry H., son of Rev. John F. and Cornelia M. Schroeder, m. Mary Olivia, dau. of Edgar S. Hawkins of New York city. Ch.:

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| 10. Mary Hawkins. | 14. Helen Rosabell Hawkins. |
| 11. Harry; d. | 15. Freddie Hawkins. |
| 12. Nellie; d. | 16. Herman. |
| 13. Edgar Hawkins. | |

1. SPERRY, Gilead, came from Milford to New Milford about 1748; was a carpenter, and is said to have been engaged in the building of the Congregational meeting-house about 1754; became acquainted with Mercy, dau. of Rev. Daniel Boardman, and married her, and resided in the town until his death. Ch.:

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| 2. Jared, b. Dec. 25, 1750. | 4. Penelope; m. Daniel Stone. |
| 3. Esther; m. 1st, Joseph Wheaton, and after his death she m. Julius Stone, and lived to attain her hundredth year. | 5. Mercy; m. Sylvester Wheaton. |
| | 6. Daughter; m. ——— Fitch. |
| | 7. Mabel; ——— Bolt of Norwalk. |

2. **Jared**, son of Gilead and Mercy Sperry, m. Mrs. Amy (Town Rec. says Ann) Wheaton Nov. 5, 17— . She died, and he m. 2d, Esther Camp. He resided in the north part of the town. Ch.:

By 1st wife.

8. Wilmot.

8. **Wilmot**, son of Jared and Amy Sperry, was educated for an Episcopal clergyman, but became attached to the Congregational Church, and settled as a farmer on his father's homestead. He was also a tanner, and for several years a merchant in Merryall, with Elijah Bennitt as partner. He m. 1st, Dolly, dau. of Col. Perry Averill of Washington, Conn. He m. 2d, Anna, dau. of Capt. Joseph Whittlesey. Ch.:

9. Horatio G.

By 2d wife.

10. Amy M.; m. John Angevine.

13. Jared.

11. Flora; m. Harvey P. Turrill.

14. Orlo.

12. Dolly M.; m. Harvey Whittlesey of Farmington.

15. Walter D.

16. George.

17. Harriet; m. C. W. Bennett.

Horatio G., son of Wilmot and Dolly Sperry, m. Eliza, dau. of Abijah Tomlinson, Oct. 20, 1834. He was engaged a number of years as a teacher in public schools in Connecticut and New Jersey. He resided in Marbledale some years, then settled on his father's homestead, where he still resides. He is a deacon in the Cong. Church.

Anna H.; m. John C. Ackley.

Charles Tomlinson.

Caroline Averill; m. George B. Ackley.

Eliza T.; m. Irwin J. Boardley.

Jared Boardman.

THAYER, Oliver, m. Mindwell Bartlett Sept. 12, 1738. She may have been the daughter of Josiah Bartlett, one of the first twelve settlers in N. M.

Hannah, b. July 28, 1739; m. Abner Seely Mar. Eunice, bapt. Oct. 25, 1741.

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Benoni, b. Feb. 4, 1757.

Annis, b. Sept. 19, 1741; m. Nathaniel Smith.

Mary, b. Oct. 6, 1760.

Thayer, Joseph, m. Abigail Sackett.

Abigail, b. June 19, 1776; d. June 30, 1776.

Thayer, Lemuel, m. Lucy Brownson May 6, 1771.

1. Annis, b. Sept. 3, 1771.

6. Sally, b. Feb. 11, 1787.

2. William, b. Oct. 31, 1773.

7. Betsey, b. Apr. 8, 1789.

3. Augustine, b. Oct. 12, 1775.

8. Laura, b. Mar. 28, 1791.

4. Elizur, b. Feb. 17, 1778.

9. Hetty, b. Apr. 15, 1793.

5. Lucy, b. May 20, 1782.

10. Lemuel, b. Mar. 6, 1797.

4. **Elizur**, son of Lemuel and Lucy Thayer, m. Phebe Bartram May 5, 1798.

11. Annis, b. Nov. 27, 1799.

15. Oliver Bartram, b. Feb. 2, 1808.

12. Phebe Maria, b. Feb. 5, 1802.

16. Lovina, b. Feb. 24, 1810.

13. Lucy Ann, b. Nov. 13, 1804.

17. George Washington, b. Nov. 5, 1811.

14. Sally, b. Sept. 9, 1805.

18. Mary, b. Feb. 8, 1814.

1. **Thayer, Augustine**, m. Electa Fairchild of Newtown.

2. Edward Augustus; m. Susan S., dau. of Elijah

4. Henry Augustus; d. y.

Green, July 2, 1871.

5. John Quincy; a lawyer in Meriden.

3. Emily Augusta; m.

The Rev. J. F. Schroeder, Jr., has furnished the following biographical sketch, a part of which was written in 1834, by Dr. Schroeder's father.

Rev. John Frederick Schroeder, D.D., the son of Hermann Henry Schroeder, was descended from distinguished German ancestors, and was born at Baltimore, Maryland, April 8, 1800. At the early age of seven years he made a catalogue of his father's library, arranging the books according to their subjects.



Rev. John Frederick Schroeder, D. D.,

Minister in Trinity Parish in New-York city, from 1823 to 1839.



His father recorded of him that even then he was often found in his play-pulpit, among his brothers and sisters, preaching to them, as they termed it; and adds that he was always noted for his great readiness of thought and utterance. In his ninth year he began to write letters and essays. He entered Princeton College Dec. 7, 1815, as freshman, at the age of fifteen, and graduated there Oct. 3, 1819, at the age of nineteen, at the head of his class. When he applied to Bishop Kemp to become a candidate for holy orders, the Bishop wrote to Dr. Green, the president of the college, and received a reply in which were these words: "He passed his whole course with us in the most reputable manner. His diligence in study was truly exemplary; and as a scholar, he never had a superior in any class to which he belonged. His moral character was without a stain. His attention to all the religious instructions and exercises of the college was constant, respectful, and reverential. In a word, sir, Mr. Schroeder, while with us, was considered as a pattern to his fellow-students." In 1820 he studied in Philadelphia, with a learned Oriental scholar, the Rev. Dr. Banks, the Hebrew language, and in two months committed the grammar, and parsed a number of Psalms. He also pursued the study of Chaldee and Arabic, and other Oriental languages, and became familiar with the minute criticisms of the Hebrew. "I have every reason to believe," said his teacher, "that he will be a distinguished ornament to the church." In 1821 he studied theology at New Haven, in the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, where he continued until the institution was removed to New York. While at the Seminary Bishop Brownell and Rev. Professor Turner wrote in reference to his character: "By his amiable deportment and exemplary conduct he acquired the esteem of the friends of religion, while by his diligence and proficiency in sacred learning he obtained the especial approbation of his instructors. He was admitted by his fellow-students to have the first place in their number." At Baltimore he pursued a course marked out by Professor Turner, and finished his studies under Bishop Kemp. He was admitted to holy orders at Baltimore, Jan. 1, 1823, and to the priesthood April 22, 1824, on each occasion by Bishop Kemp, his devoted and most affectionate friend. The second week after his admission to holy orders he visited Washington, D. C., preached there in the House of Representatives, and received great marks of interest from several prominent men, especially Mr. John Randolph. He then visited and preached at Annapolis, before the State Legislature. A few days afterward he became pastor of a small parish at St. Michael's, on the eastern shore of Maryland, where he had great success. He was urged to take charge of the Episcopal Church at Cambridge, Mass., and act as Librarian to the University. While considering this he produced such an impression by his preaching in New York city, that he was unanimously called, by the vestry of Trinity parish there, in September, 1823, to perform for one year the pastoral duties of Bishop Hobart, who was about to sail for Europe on account of his health. His preaching acquired for him the greatest popularity, and he was followed from church to church by throngs of admiring listeners. In a few months the trustees of Washington (now Trinity) College, at Hartford, Conn., elected him Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature. The vestry of Trinity parish, on hearing of this, gave him a permanent settlement as an assistant minister of Trinity Church and St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels.

A precocious boy, the head of his class in college, although the youngest member of it, having found time at the age of eighteen to become a skilled musician, playing, after only a few hours' notice, at a public concert of a hundred performers, the principal part on the violin, and having become, before his ordination, remarkably

proficient in mathematics, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldee, Syriac, and Arabic, he had been officiating as pastor of a parish in Maryland for several months, and had become a minister of Trinity Parish in the City of New York, being elected to take the bishop's place in the parish, first temporarily, and then permanently, before his fellow-students had graduated at the Theological Seminary, and more than six months before he was old enough to be ordained priest.

In Trinity Parish, from 1823 to 1839, his ministerial labors in connection with the large congregations there were wonderfully successful. He took great interest both in domestic missions and in missions to Greece, China, and the Sandwich Islands. He received from the missionaries a curious relic—the identical idol, or god, that was worshipped by Kamehameha, King of the Sandwich Islands. He was secretary of an almost incredible number of societies, and took an especial interest in the City Mission, in the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in the Asylum for the Blind, in the New York City Dispensary, and in Prison Reform. His influence socially was very great. An eminent man has said of him that his sayings were household words among the clergy. Prof. Henry J. Anderson of Columbia College, himself a marvel of ability in very many ways, declared that he considered him the wisest counselor that he was acquainted with.

On all suitable occasions throughout his ministry, but more conspicuously during the first dread visitations of the cholera in New York city, in the years 1832 and 1834, he unhesitatingly risked his life in visiting the sick and the dying, as an intrepid soldier of the Cross. In the year 1831 he officiated at the funeral of a man who died of malignant small-pox. In this case, the contagion of the disease caused the death of the physician and of the nurse, and caused my father a long illness from varioloid. In 1832 and 1834, when the city was deserted by almost every one who could leave it, he voluntarily remained there, and notified the hospitals that he was in readiness to visit them whenever he might be sent for, at any hour of the day or night; and during both of those cholera seasons, he spent the greater part of his time in administering the consolations of religion to hundreds who were stricken with the pestilence. As late as November, 1834, in visiting a cholera hospital where, on account of the cool weather, the windows were closed, he took the disease so suddenly that he was unable to walk from the hospital to his carriage without assistance.

In 1838 he traveled in Europe with my mother and myself, for the benefit of her health. On his return he resigned his position in Trinity Parish, and removed to Flushing, on Long Island, where he established St. Ann's Hall, an institution for the education of young ladies. Many of his beloved pupils cherish with affection the memory of the happy years which they spent there.

In 1846 he removed the Institution to New York, and soon after assumed, in connection with it, the rectorship of the Church of the Crucifixion, and preached for some time in the fine edifice formerly used by the great and eloquent Presbyterian champion, the Rev. Dr. John Mason. Having accepted a call to become the rector of St. Thomas's Church, Brooklyn, he removed the Institution to that city, in the year 1852. Five months previous to his death, he resigned his pastoral charge.

While performing the duties of his school and of his parish, he learned Spanish enough in the amazingly short space of six weeks to translate the exercises in the grammar from Spanish into English; and in the next six weeks, he translated, from English into Spanish, the numerous exercises for that purpose given in the grammar, writing them with almost perfect correctness. At the same time, he

even invented a new and important and highly-useful rule for using the perplexing Spanish auxiliary verbs, that astonished Professor Vingut, who dedicated his grammar to him, which my father very greatly assisted him in writing. He translated part of a Chinese book, but the rest of it, on rice paper, was destroyed by a mouse. His memory, especially when aided by mnemonics, was extraordinary.

He was often unexpectedly called upon to preach, after only a few minutes' notice. On several such occasions, in Trinity Parish and elsewhere, different vestries requested these extempore sermons for publication, supposing them to have been written with extra care. In preaching, his fluency and elegance of diction were so remarkable that even his most intimate friends, often when he was delivering an unpremeditated extempore sermon, would suppose him to be reading a carefully prepared manuscript, with elaborately constructed sentences and harmonious cadences.

His health was remarkably good at almost all times; his cheerfulness was inexhaustible, and his activity unabated. He always lived in a very abstemious manner, avoiding all habits and indulgences inconsistent with the elevated objects of his life—to benefit his fellow-men while living, and to be the means of blessing them beyond the grave.

In November, 1852, in moving a heavy box, he tore asunder one of the muscles near the spine, an accident which Dr. Valentine Mott, Senior, at the time said would have been immediately fatal to an ordinary man. It caused also internal injuries which, more than four years afterward, proved fatal. His last illness was attended by the Rev. David P. Sanford, with devout exercises, and with Christian and comforting expressions which fell from his dying lips. He died on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1857, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, and was buried on Saturday, Feb. 28th, in the family vault at Greenwood Cemetery. The funeral services were performed at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn. The large edifice, including the galleries, was filled. The music was solemn and beautiful. The Rev. Drs. Berrian, Seabury, and Lewis took part in the services. An admirable address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin I. Haight. At the grave, Bishop Horatio Potter of New York, closed the solemn service. At a meeting of clergy and laity present at the call of Bishop Potter, on Feb. 28th, resolutions of respect for his character, presented by the Rev. Francis Vinton, D.D., and Arch. B. Gifford, were adopted; the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson being Secretary.

Among them was the following:

Resolved, That we have a deep sense of the loss which, not only the Church, but the community at large has to deplore, in the death of one who has so greatly contributed, by his learning and private worth, to the cause of education and sacred literature, and who, by his benevolent and sympathizing heart, his social and engaging qualities, and his general amenity and courtesy, endeared himself to all who have had the privilege of an acquaintance with him.

On May 22, 1825, he married Caroline Maria, eldest daughter of the Hon. Elijah Boardman; and they had four sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters survive them. Her influence over him was very lovely and excellent. Gifted as she was with such fascinating personal beauty that many who had mingled in good society both here and in Europe declared her to be the most beautiful woman they had ever seen, it was nevertheless true that the charms of her person were excelled by the higher graces of her mind and heart. Many eminent clergymen read to her their most carefully prepared sermons, because they highly valued her literary criticisms and her devout suggestions. Her venerable uncle, the

Hon. David Sherman Boardman, whose discretion and sound judgment were unquestioned, said that he had known her intimately all her life, and that he believed that, from the time she was a child, until the end of her sojourn on earth, her consistent piety was such that she was always in a fit frame of mind and heart to meet her summons to Paradise.

Many of her clerical and other pious friends have concurred in this testimony. Next to her love for God, the all-engrossing sentiment of her heart and soul was her constant and complete devotion to her family. She was even thankful that for several years her health was rather delicate; as it withdrew her from many of the frivolities of social life, and caused her to devote herself more unreservedly to devotional reading and contemplation, and to unceasing efforts to promote the highest welfare and happiness of her household. Her maternal love was perhaps never surpassed. Her constant solicitude for the welfare of her husband and children was so extreme, and, as some persons thought, so excessive, that it rendered her unable to be really happy when they were away from her. Those whom she loved could rely with certainty upon the unwavering constancy of her attachment. Her keen discrimination of character often enabled her to detect flattery, hypocrisy, insincerity, and dissimulation as if by intuition; and, in this way, she was of great service to her husband. Her servants regarded her, not only with profound respect, but with devoted attachment; and she moulded the characters of several of them, by a marvelous change into that of truly exemplary Christians. Always judicious, unselfish, considerate of the motives, opinions, and feelings of others, kind, affectionate, loving, tender, and irreproachable, she seemed too good for earth.

In a most incomprehensible manner she became aware that she was soon to experience a severe illness, and that in a few days it would prove fatal. Unruffled, and with serene composure, she thankfully improved the opportunity, before her powers were enfeebled by sickness, of conversing upon her willingness to receive her final summons, and admonishing her children to be ready to meet her in Paradise.

Among my father's printed works are: An Address before the Horticultural Society, in 1828; two translations from the German, which were published in an 8vo volume of 600 pages; Questions on the Book of Daniel; Questions, in three parts, on the Gospel of St. Matthew, which were written in competition with others, and received a prize of some hundreds of dollars; A very small pamphlet entitled A Class-book of Astronomy; Memoir of the Life and Character of Mrs. Mary Ann Boardman, with an historical account of her forefathers, printed for private distribution, New Haven, 1849, Octavo; A Chart of the Diocese of New York, prepared for the Missionary Society. The elaborate Index to the second edition of Lossing's Field-Book of the Revolution, New York, 1855; Memorial of Bishop Hobart; a collection of sermons on the death of the Right Reverend John Henry Hobart, D.D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, New York, 1831, pages 250; a short biographical sketch of Bishop William White, D.D., in the Philadelphia National Portrait Gallery; an article on the Sanscrit Language and Literature, published in the Southern *Literary Messenger*; a Discourse at the opening of the New York Dispensary. For several years he edited the Churchman's Almanac without any assistance, making all the astronomical calculations himself. Several articles, chiefly biographical, entitled Grandfather's Letters, by X. S., in the children's magazine; a Sermon to Children; a Thanksgiving Sermon; a Sermon on "The love of Christ constraineth us"; Religion and the State, or Christianity the Safeguard of Civil Liberty; A poem of 227 lines of blank verse, entitled Iscariot; Maxims of Washington, political, social, moral, and religious,

pages 423, published by Appleton & Co.; *Bibliotheca Proбата*, pages xxxi, 234. He wrote but a very small part of a large work in two quarto volumes, entitled *Life and Times of Washington*, published by Johnson, Fry & Co., after my father's death.

Among his unpublished works are some lectures on Mohammed, which Bishop Hobart said were the only lectures at which the audience was so crowded that he was constrained to stand to listen to them. A series of lectures on English History, and a series on English Literature. Also some lectures in the French language on French Literature; some numbers of a family newspaper, entitled *The On Dit*; a lecture entitled, *Man's Moral Destiny the Philosophy of the Earth*, occupying 68 manuscript quarto pages. A copy of all the inscriptions in the Center cemetery in New Milford, Conn., in two volumes.

Gratis, or Thatcher Family.

"A record of Mr. Partridge Thatcher's negro family,—their births, etc., as written by his own hand [but additions were afterwards made, probably by Cyrus Thatcher], to wit:

"I first had Jacob and Dinah June ye —, 1749, of Capt. Jabez Dean of Norwich. Said negroes had been in this country I think he told me, about six weeks; they were children. Jacob we judged eleven years old, and Dinah ten years old. They were married by Capt. Nathaniel Bostwick, Justice of the Peace, when I had had them about three years. Dinah, the wife of said Jacob, deceased on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1806. Jacob himself deceased on the 14th day of May, 1823. Ch.:

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| 1. Sybil, b. Jan. 28, 1753, "it being the first year of New Stile." [She m. Amos Lewis Aug. 23, 1773, being emancipated by Mr. Thatcher.] | my saw-mill in an exceeding low time of water, the 4th day of September, 1762. |
| 2. Heber, b. July 4, 1755. [He was emancipated Dec. 30, 1780.] | 5. Rhoda, b. June 18, 1763. |
| 3. Peleg, b. Dec. 4, 1757. [He was emancipated Dec. 30, 1780.] | 6. Huldah, b. May 26, 1766; "deceased at New York Nov. 15, 1817." |
| 4. Terah, b. Jan. 25, 1761; "he died by being drowned by an accident in Rocky river, near | 7. Phebe, b. Apr. 17, 1768. |
| | 8. Rachel, b. Apr. 11, 1770; "deceased Feb. 19, 1811." |
| | 9. Jacob; "said Jacob deceased at Boston." |
| | 10. Cyrus, b. Apr. 28, 1777. |

9. "*Cyrus Thatcher*, of New Milford, and Hopeful Freeman of Litchfield, were legally married at Litchfield, South Farms, by James Morris, Esq., on the 17th day of June, 1811."

10. Charles Jacob, b. Mar. 11, 1812.
11. Mary, b. Aug. 19, 1816.

12. Catharine, b. Dec. 20, 1818.

"Olive, a negro girl born of Naomi, a negro woman, servant to Sherman Boardman, Esq., born on the 3d day of May, 1792.

Jack, or Carlton Jackson, a negro boy born of said Naomi on the 17th day of Oct., 1796."

"Tamar, a negro female child born of Betty, a negro servant of Sherman Boardman, Esq., the 19th day of Apr., 1786."

"Peter, a male negro child born of Hagar, a negro servant of Nathaniel Taylor, 3d, on the 23d day of Nov., 1788. Said Peter deceased by drowning Feb. 27, 1830."

"Michael, son of Hagar, servant of Nathaniel Taylor, 3d, born April ye 27th, 1791.

"Phebe, daughter to Hagar, a negro servant of Doct. Nathaniel Taylor, was born on ye 27th day of June, 1795.

"Cato, a negro male child of Tempe, a negro servant of Benjamin Seelye, born in New Milford on the first day of October, 1788, and deceased.

Marcus, son of sd. Tempe, was born Dec. 11, 1791.

Frederick, son of sd. Tempe, was born May 22, 1794.

William, son of sd. Tempe, was born Jan., 1799.

Amanda, daughter of sd. Tempe, was born Feb. 17, 1801.

Julia, daughter of sd. Tempe, was born Mar. 31, 1803.

John Stanley, son of sd. Tempe, was born Nov. 17, 1805."

"Stanley Carpenter and Abigail Wilder (persons of color), both of New Milford, were lawfully married on the 25th day of Nov., 1830, by the Rev. Herman Rood."

"Charles Franklin and Sally Minerva Phillips (persons of color), both of New Milford, were united in marriage Oct. 26, 1829."

"Kate, a negro female child, born of Pegg, a negro servant of Col. Samuel Canfield of New Milford, was born on the 11th day of Sept., 1781."

"Belden Whitney and Sheldon Whitney, twin sons of Kate, a negro servant of Samuel Canfield, Esq., was born on the 28th day of Sept., 1797."

"James Johnson, and Sarah his wife (negroes).

1. Laura, b. Aug. 1, 1813.

2. Minerva, b. May 10, 1819.

Children of "Patience, a negro servant of Samuel Bostwick, Esq." [This foregoing statement is repeated after the names of five of her children.]

1. Daria, b. Feb. 17, 1781; m. Javan Wilson.

5. Rhoda, b. Oct. 26, 1791.

2. George, b. July 24, 1784.

6. Abel, b. Sept. 1, 1794.

3. Shubal, b. July 22, 1785.

7. Charles, b. Feb. 16, 1797.

4. Ira, b. July 2, 1789.

8. Julia, b. Oct. 10, 1800.

"Orman, a negro male child, born of Dora, the daughter of Patience an emancipated servant of Elisha and Samuel Bostwick; the said Orman was born on the 16th day of Dec. 1800. And the said Orman, now by the name of Orman Wilson was legally united in marriage with Chloe Jacklin on y^e 18th day of May 1828, By Stephen Crane Justice of peace."

1. Frederick, b. May 7, 1829.

"Javan Wilson and Dora, the daughter of Patience an emancipated servant of Elisha and Samuel Bostwick both of Newmilford (persons of color) were married on the 20th day of January 1802. Javan Wilson deceased on y^e 22^d day of Feb. 1827, aged 70 years; a Revolutionary Pentloner.

1. Catharine, b. Sept. 19, 1802; d. April 1st.

6. Julius Javan, b. Mar. 6, 1814.

2. George, b. Mar. 10, 1804.

7. Ziba, b. Jan. 30, 1817.

3. Antoinett, b. Nov. 13, 1806.

8. Ira, b. Apr. 4, 1820.

4. Shubael, b. July 2, 1808.

9. Catharine, b. Apr. 5, 1821.

5. Rachel, b. Apr. 1, 1810.

"Polly Ann Treadwell born Aug. 31, 1815.

"Jane Jackson sister of Polly Ann was born Oct. 10, 1829.

"Lydia Rogers, a negro female child, born of Polly Ann Treadwell daughter of Sally Jackson (Javan Wilson's daughter) born Nov. 17, 1833."

"Charles Dunbar's children; said Charles deceased June 11, 1847.

Caroline, b. Feb. 1839.

William, b. Feb. 1841.

"Hannah Maria the wife of Charles Dunbar deceased July 22, 1845."

"William a negro child born of Tamar a negro woman, on the 2^d day of April 1803; born in New Fairfield."

"A Record of the Children of Prince Drake a Negroman and his wife Susannah, —all of which were born in Newmilford as follows:

1. Lutilda, b. July 11, 1808.

And the said Susannah's son Rhiley which she had before her marriage to said Prince, was born in Brookfield Oct. 9, 1804."

2. Nancy, b. Feb. 19, 1812.

3. Orinda, b. Mar. 14, 1815.

"Abel and Lucy Camp. (Negroes)." Their children:

1. Diania, b. July 16, 1796.

4. Oliver, b. May 16, 1801.

2. Polly, b. Jan. 17, 1798.

5. Maria, b. May 17, 1803.

3. William, b. Oct. 17, 1799.

"Nehemiah Lockwood a free Negroman married Dinah Oct. 20, 1783.

1. Edmund, b. Mar. 15, 1785.

4. Orra, b. Nov. 15, 1792.

2. Belden, b. Mar. 19, 1787.

5. Diana, b. May 11, 1794.

3. Asher, b. Nov. 29, 1790.

6. Rachel, b. Sept. 2, 1798.

"Cato Nichols m. Julia Currie Sept. 16, 1828. He was born Feb. 19, 1804, and she was born Dec. 14, 1810. Cato deceased July 31, 1847, aged 43 years.

1. Laura M., b. Nov. 19, 1835.

3. Henry S., b. Nov. 6, 1841.

2. Andrew B., b. Jan. 15, 1840.

4. Ezra L., b. Oct. 10, 1844."

APPENDIX.

A list of the names of those persons who represented the town of New Milford in the General Assembly. From 1712 to 1724 the town sent no representatives to the Legislature, for the reason that they paid no taxes to the general government. From 1728 to 1731, four years, they were again released from paying taxes to the general government that the same might be used in finishing their meeting-house, and for public schools; but they were allowed to send representatives during this time provided the town would pay them for their services, yet this it did not do, preferring to use all money they could spare in finishing their meeting-house and in their schools.

1725, Oct.	John Bostwick. Stephen Noble.	1736, Oct.	John Bostwick. Theophilus Baldwin.
1726, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1737, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.
1726, Oct.	Samuel Brownson. John Bostwick.	1737, Oct.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.
1727, May.	No representation.	1738, May.	Nathaniel Bostwick. Stephen Noble.
1727, Oct.	John Welch. Stephen Noble.	1738, Oct.	John Bostwick. Stephen Noble.
1728, May.	No representation until 1732.	1739, May.	John Bostwick. Stephen Noble.
1732, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1739, Oct.	John Bostwick. Theophilus Baldwin.
1732, Oct.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1740, May.	John Bostwick. Paul Welch.
1733, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1740, Oct.	John Bostwick. Paul Welch.
1733, Oct.	Stephen Noble. William Gaylord.	1741, May.	Nathaniel Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1734, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1741, Oct.	Theophilus Baldwin. Samuel Canfield.
1734, Oct.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1742, May.	Samuel Canfield. Nathaniel Bostwick.
1735, May.	Stephen Noble. John Bostwick.	1742, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Nathaniel Bostwick.
1735, Oct.	Theophilus Baldwin. Samuel Canfield.	1743, May.	Samuel Canfield. Paul Welch.
1736, May.	John Bostwick. Theophilus Baldwin.		

1743, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Paul Welch.	1756, May.	Jehiel Hawley. Amos Northrop.
1744, May.	Paul Welch. John Warner.	1756, Oct.	Amos Northrop. John Warner.
1744, Oct.	Paul Welch. John Warner.	1757, May.	Amos Northrop. John Hitchcock.
1745, May.	Paul Welch. Ebenezer Fisk.	1757, Oct.	Benjamin Ruggles. John Hitchcock.
1745, Oct.	David Noble. Paul Welch.	1758, May.	John Hitchcock. Roger Sherman.
1746, May.	David Noble. Samuel Canfield.	1758, Oct.	Roger Sherman. Jehiel Hawley.
1746, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. David Noble.	1759, May.	Roger Sherman. Bushnell Bostwick.
1747, May.	David Noble. Samuel Canfield.	1759, Oct.	Roger Sherman. Partridge Thatcher.
1747, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Paul Welch.	1760, May.	Roger Sherman. Benjamin Gaylord.
1748, May.	Samuel Canfield. Paul Welch.	1760, Oct.	Roger Sherman. Bushnell Bostwick.
1748, Oct.	James Hine. Paul Welch.	1761, May.	Roger Sherman. Jehiel Hawley.
1749, May.	Paul Welch. John Warner.	1761, Oct.	Daniel Bostwick. Bushnell Bostwick.
1749, Oct.	John Hitchcock. John Warner.	1762, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Amos Northrop.
1750, May.	John Warner. Bushnell Bostwick.	1762, Oct.	Nathan Gaylord. Bushnell Bostwick.
1750, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Thomas Noble.	1763, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Bostwick.
1751, May.	John Hitchcock. Samuel Canfield.	1763, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Nathan Gaylord.
1751, Oct.	Riverius Carrington. Bushnell Bostwick.	1764, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Nathan Gaylord.
1752, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. John Hitchcock.	1764, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Nathan Gaylord.
1752, Oct.	Nathan Bostwick. Bushnell Bostwick.	1765, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1753, May.	Daniel Bostwick. Bushnell Bostwick.	1765, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Partridge Thatcher.
1753, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Jehiel Hawley.	1766, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1754, May.	John Hitchcock. Samuel Canfield.	1766, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1754, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Daniel Bostwick.	1767, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1755, May.	Enos Camp. Roger Sherman.	1767, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.
1755, Oct.	Roger Sherman. Daniel Bostwick.	1768, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.

1768, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1781, Oct.	Abel Hine.
1769, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1782, May.	Abel Hine. Elizur Warner.
1769, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Abel Hine.	1782, Oct.	Abel Hine. Elizur Warner.
1770, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1783, May.	Daniel Everitt. Elizur Warner.
1770, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1783, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Daniel Everitt.
1771, May.	Thomas Noble. Sherman Boardman.	1784, May.	Samuel Canfield. Abel Hine.
1771, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Samuel Comstock.	1784, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Abel Hine.
1772, May.	Thomas Noble. Sherman Boardman.	1785, May.	Timothy Ruggles. Reuben Bostwick.
1772, Oct.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1785, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Sherman Boardman.
1773, May.	Bushnell Bostwick. Samuel Canfield.	1786, May.	Sherman Boardman. David Northrop.
1773, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Samuel Canfield.	1786, Oct.	Reuben Booth. Sherman Boardman.
1774, May.	Thomas Noble. Josiah Starr.	1787, May.	Abel Hine. Samuel Canfield.
1774, Oct.	No representation.	1787, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Samuel Canfield.
1775, May.	Samuel Canfield. Sherman Boardman.	1788, May.	Samuel Canfield. Sherman Boardman.
1775, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Sherman Boardman.	1788, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Josiah Starr.
1776, May.	Samuel Canfield. Sherman Boardman.	1789, May.	Sherman Boardman. Josiah Starr.
1776, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Abel Hine.	1789, Oct.	Samuel Canfield. Josiah Starr.
1777, May.	Samuel Comstock. Oliver Warner.	1790, May.	Josiah Starr. Daniel Boardman.
1777, Oct.	Samuel Comstock. Samuel Canfield.	1790, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Josiah Starr.
1778, May.	Samuel Comstock. Reuben Booth.	1791, May.	Josiah Starr. Elisha Bostwick.
1778, Oct.	Samuel Comstock. Jonah Todd.	1791, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Elisha Bostwick.
1779, May.	Sherman Boardman. Abel Hine.	1792, May.	Elisha Bostwick. Nicholas S. Masters.
1779, Oct.	Sherman Boardman. Abel Hine.	1792, Oct.	Daniel Boardman. Elisha Bostwick.
1780, May.	Samuel Comstock. Noble Hine.	1793, May.	Josiah Starr. Noble Hine.
1780, Oct.	Noble Hine. Daniel Everitt.	1793, Oct.	Elisha Bostwick. Angus Nickelson.
1781, May.	Noble Hine. Daniel Everitt.		

1794, May.	Nicholas S. Masters. Noble Hine.	1806, Oct.	Beebe Hine. Abel Merwin.
1794, Oct.	Josiah Starr. Noble Hine.	1807, May.	Beebe Hine. Abel Merwin.
1795, May.	Josiah Starr. Noble Hine.	1807, Oct.	Beebe Hine. Andrew Minor
1795, Oct.	Josiah Starr. Elisha Bostwick.	1808, May.	Beebe Hine. Elisha Bostwick.
1796, May.	Josiah Starr. Samuel Bostwick.	1808, Oct.	Beebe Hine. Riverius Camp.
1796, Oct.	Philo Ruggles. William Taylor.	1809, May.	Beebe Hine. Jared Lane.
1797, May.	Philo Ruggles. Josiah Starr.	1809, Oct.	Beebe Hine. Ebenezer Smith.
1797, Oct.	Josiah Starr. Elisha Bostwick.	1810, May.	Beebe Hine. Jared Lane.
1798, May.	Sherman Boardman. Josiah Starr.	1810, Oct.	William Taylor. Reuben Warner.
1798, Oct.	Elisha Bostwick. Abel Hine.	1811, May.	Beebe Hine. Jared Lane.
1799, May.	Elisha Bostwick. Philo Ruggles.	1811, Oct.	Beebe Hine. Jared Lane.
1799, Oct.	Elisha Bostwick. Abner Gunn.	1812, May.	Beebe Hine. Jared Lane.
1800, May.	Elisha Bostwick. Abner Gunn.	1812, Oct.	David S. Boardman. Reuben Warner.
1800, Oct.	Elisha Bostwick. Sherman Boardman.	1813, May.	David S. Boardman. Reuben Warner.
1801, May.	Elisha Bostwick. Josiah Starr.	1813, Oct.	David S. Boardman. William Taylor.
1801, Oct.	Josiah Starr. Philo Ruggles.	1814, May.	William Taylor. Reuben Warner.
1802, May.	Josiah Starr. Philo Ruggles.	1814, Oct.	David S. Boardman. Ithamer Canfield.
1802, Oct.	Josiah Starr. Philo Ruggles.	1815, May.	Elisha Bostwick. David S. Boardman.
1803, May.	Elijah Boardman. Samuel Comstock.	1815, Oct.	Gerardus Booth. Jehiel Williams.
1803, Oct.	Elijah Boardman. Elizur Warner, Jr.	1816, May.	Elijah Boardman. Ithamer Canfield.
1804, May.	Elijah Boardman. Elizur Warner, Jr.	1816, Oct.	Orange Merwin. William Taylor.
1804, Oct.	Elizur Warner, Jr. Samuel Lockwood.	1817, May.	Orange Merwin. Joel Sanford.
1805, May.	Elijah Boardman. Samuel Lockwood.	1817, Oct.	Orange Merwin. Joel Sanford.
1805, Oct.	Homer Boardman. Eli Todd.	1818, May.	Orange Merwin. Homer Boardman.
1806, May.	Elijah Boardman. Samuel Comstock.	1818, Oct.	Homer Boardman. Orange Merwin.

The new State Constitution being adopted in 1818, the Legislature held afterwards but one session, in May of each year, alternately, first at Hartford, then at New Haven.

1819. Orange Merwin. Eli Todd.	1842. Orange Merwin. Lawrence Taylor.
1820. Orange Merwin. Daniel A. Pickett.	1843. Abijah Thompson. Frederick Gunn.
1821. Daniel A. Pickett. Eli Todd.	1844. No choice.
1822. Perry Smith. Samuel Canfield.	1845. Albert N. Baldwin. William Roberts.
1823. Perry Smith. Samuel Canfield.	1846. Henry Merwin. Dr. Horace Judson.
1824. Daniel Gaylord. Abel Hine.	1847. Henry Merwin. Henry S. Mygatt.
1825. Reuben Warner, Jr. Eli Mygatt.	1848. Luman B. Hamlin. Minor Morehouse.
1826. Eli Mygatt. Elihu Marsh, 2d.	1849. Luman B. Hamlin. Lyman Smith.
1827. Elihu Marsh, 2d. David S. Boardman.	1850. George Taylor. Glover Sanford.
1828. David S. Boardman. Clark Hine.	1851. Jehiel Williams. Albert N. Baldwin.
1829. David S. Boardman. Clark Hine.	1852. John C. Smith. John Peck.
1830. Benjamin B. Soule. Joel Sanford.	1853. Daniel Marsh. John G. Noble.
1831. Jehiel Williams. Walter Booth.	1854. Gamaliel H. St. John. John G. Noble.
1832. Walter Booth. Nathaniel Perry.	1855. Royal I. Canfield. Sherman Peck.
1833. George Taylor. Benjamin B. Soule.	1856. Royal I. Canfield. James H. Keeler.
1834. George Taylor. Sherman Peck.	1857. Riley Peck. Horace Merwin.
1835. Sherman Peck. Perry Smith.	1858. Horace Merwin. John Turrill.
1836. Lyman Hine. Perry Smith.	1859. Carr Hine. John S. Turrill.
1837. Elizur Warner. Daniel Marsh.	1860. Carr Hine. Isaac Reynolds.
1838. John Wooster. Orange Merwin.	1861. Isaac Reynolds. Silas Erwin.
1839. Orange Warner. Anson Squire.	1862. Silas Erwin. Josiah Beardsley.
1840. Jehiel Williams. Albert N. Baldwin.	1863. George Taylor. Albert N. Baldwin.
1841. Albert N. Boardman. Levi Morris.	1864. Gamaliel H. St. John. Carl Buckingham.

1865. Gamaliel H. St. John. Andrew B. Mygatt.	1870. Monroe L. Frost. William W. Welles.
1866. Alban G. Ferriss. Harry Buckingham.	1871. George Taylor. John S. Turrill.
1867. Isaac B. Bristol. Albert S. Hill.	1872. George Taylor. Botsford Buckingham.
1868. Isaac B. Bristol. Albert S. Hill.	1873. James H. McMahon. Edward Hunt, Jr.
1869. Isaac B. Bristol. Albert S. Hill.	1874. George Taylor. Albert N. Baldwin.

According to the amendment of the Constitution, Art. xiv, adopted October, 1873, "All annual and special sessions of the General Assembly shall, on and after the first Wednesday of May, 1875, be held at Hartford."

1875. James H. McMahon. Oliver S. Hartwell.	1876. Albert N. Baldwin. Nicholas Staub.
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Constitutional amendment, adopted October, 1875: "There shall be a stated session of the General Assembly in Hartford on Wednesday after, the first Monday of January, 1877, and annually thereafter on the Wednesday after the first Monday of January."

1877. Albert N. Baldwin. Botsford W. Buckingham.	1880. Edwin S. Wells. Henry W. Evans.
1878. Charles Taylor. Noah W. Hatch.	1881. Albert S. Hill. Marshall Marsh.
1879. Charles Taylor. Noah W. Hatch.	

Judges of the Quorum.

There were in this town, before the year 1800, Justices of the Quorum, or Judges of the County Courts:

Samuel Canfield.	Bushnell Bostwick.
Roger Sherman.	Samuel Canfield.

Justices of the Peace.

There were twenty Justices of the Peace in this town in order as follows, before the year 1800:

Samuel Brownson.	Samuel Canfield.
Roger Brownson.	Abel Hine.
John Bostwick.	Sherman Boardman.
Nathaniel Bostwick.	Daniel Everett.
Samuel Canfield.	Josiah Starr.
Paul Welch.	Nicholas S. Masters.
Bushnell Bostwick.	Philo Ruggles.
Roger Sherman.	Reuben Warner.
John Hitchcock.	Elisha Bostwick.
Samuel Bostwick.	Abijah Treat.

Judges of Probate.

The following is a record of the Probate Judges, with the date when each began his service, and the figure at the end of each name denotes the number of years served. The probate district of New Milford was formed in 1787; before that, from 1719, it belonged to Woodbury; and from 1713 to 1719 it belonged to New Haven.

1787. Samuel Canfield, 3.	1846. Thomas B. Lacey, 1.
1790. Daniel Everitt, 15.	1847. David C. Sanford, 2.
1805. David S. Boardman, 16.	1849. Julius B. Harrison, 2.
1821. Jehiel Williams, 11.	1851. David C. Sanford, 1.
1832. Nathaniel Perry, 3.	1852. Frederick Chittenden, 1.
1835. Perry Smith, 1.	1853. James Hine, 1.
1836. George Taylor, 2.	1854. John S. Turrill, 1.
1838. Nathaniel Perry, 4.	1855. George Taylor, 2.
1842. George Taylor, 2.	1857. Samuel D. Orton, 7.
1844. Nathaniel Perry, 2.	1864. James McMahon, 18.

The Town Clerks for New Milford.

1706. Jonathan Law, afterwards Governor of the Colony, was the Clerk of the New Milford Company, until the first town election.	Oct. 1, 1832. Joel W. Northrop.
Nov., 1713. John Noble, Sen.	Oct. 18, 1841. Noble S. Bennett.
Aug. 30, 1714. Samuel Brownson.	Oct. 7, 1844. Jared Bostwick.
Nov. 1, 1733. Roger Brownson, Sen.	Oct. 3, 1859. Joel W. Northrop.
Dec. 12, 1748. Samuel Canfield.	Oct. 7, 1861. William Roberts.
Nov. 23, 1754. Samuel Bostwick.	Oct. 5, 1863. Elijah S. Bennett.
Dec. 8, 1777. Elisha Bostwick.	Oct. 3, 1864. Russell B. Noble.
	Oct. 2, 1865. Charles C. Noble.
	Oct. 7, 1867. Russell B. Noble.

Lawyers of New Milford.

Before there were professional lawyers residing in New Milford, Justices of the Peace were counsellors in law matters.

Judge Samuel Brownson, who was one of the Judges of the Quorum, acted very efficiently in this capacity, and also his brother, Roger Brownson.

Major John Bostwick studied law to some considerable extent, and was recognized as such in the town meetings, and had he lived might have become prominent as a legal adviser. He died in 1741, at the age of 52 years.

Partridge Thatcher, a native of Lebanon, Ct., came to New Milford in 1743, and was the first professional lawyer in the town. He died in 1786, aged 78 years. (See Biog.)

Daniel Everitt, a native of the parish of Bethlem, in Woodbury, came to New Milford in 1772, and practiced law until his death, in 1805, in his 57th year. (See Biog.)

Samuel Bostwick, son of Samuel, sen., was born in 1755, being a younger brother of Col. Elisha Bostwick. He was graduated at Yale College in 1780; settled in New Milford in the practice of law, residing on the corner of Bennitt and Main streets, where Mrs. Judge Sanford now resides. He married, 1st, Polly Trail, and 2d, Pollypheme Ruggles. He died with the small-pox, April 3, 1799, aged only 44 years.

Nicholas Shelton Masters, a native of the parish of Judea, in Woodbury, graduated at Yale College in 1779; read law with Daniel Everitt, and settled in New Milford in the practice of his profession immediately after his admission to the bar, about the year 1785, where he continued until his death, September, 1796, in the 38th year of his age. He married, 1st, Hannah, daughter of Col. Josiah Starr, who died, aged 21 years, and he married, 2d, Tamar, youngest daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Taylor. She survived him many years, and died in 1842, aged 83 years.

Philo Ruggles, son of Lazarus, was born in New Milford, in 1765, educated a lawyer, and commenced practice in his native town about 1800, then removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he became prominent in his profession, and removed thence to New York city, where he continued as a lawyer, and where he died. He was the father of the late Samuel B. Ruggles, a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce of New York city.

Judge David S. Boardman, youngest son of Sherman Boardman, was born in 1768; was graduated at Yale College in 1793, and practiced law in New Milford, becoming prominent in his profession throughout the country and State. (See Biog.)

Philo N. Heacock was born Feb. 8, 1784; settled in New Milford, in the profession of law. He married here Olive Stilson, Sept. 2, 1822, and died April 20, 1825, aged 41 years.

Judge John Canfield, son of Samuel, was born in New Milford in 1740, educated a lawyer, settled in Sharon, and became an Associate Judge of Litchfield County Court. He was appointed member of Congress under the Confederation, and died before he took his seat, but he had already attained eminent distinction as a lawyer. His daughter married the Hon. Ambrose Spencer,

the distinguished Chief Justice of the State of New York, he being a native of Salisbury, Ct.

Samuel D. Orton, son of Doct. Samuel Orton, of Bridgewater, read law with Matthew Minor, of Woodbury, and with Perry Smith, of New Milford; was admitted to the bar in 1830, and began practice immediately in New Milford, where he continued in his profession many years.

Hon. Perry Smith was born in Washington, Ct.; pursued his professional studies at the Litchfield Law School, and settled in New Milford in 1807. He was a Representative four years, Judge of Probate two years, and United States Senator six years. He married Ann, only daughter of Samuel Comstock, and died in 1852, leaving a son.

Judge David C. Sanford, a native of Bridgewater, Conn., born in 1798; held his residence some years, and died in New Milford in 1864. (See Biog.)

Hon. Amos S. Treat was born in Bridgewater, educated a lawyer, and practiced in Newtown and Bridgeport. (See Biog.)

James H. McMahon, a native of New Milford, studied law at the Law School at Albany, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar of Litchfield County, Conn., November, 1863, and established himself in his profession in New Milford, where he has continued in the same to the present time. He has been Judge of Probate since 1864.

Nathaniel Perry, a native of Woodbury, Conn., read law with John Strong, of that place, and with Asa Chapman in Newtown, Conn. He was admitted to the bar in Fairfield county in April, 1816; commenced practice at Woodbury, and continued there until 1823, when he settled in New Milford, where he continued a number of years.

He was elected a member of the General Assembly in the year 1832, and was clerk of the House. He was appointed Judge of Probate in New Milford in the years 1832 and 1834, and again in 1844.

George Loveridge, a graduate of Yale College, practiced law in New Milford for a time, and possessed, in some respects, more than ordinary abilities.

John S. Turrill read law with Judge D. C. Sanford at New Milford and at Ballston Springs, N. Y., and finished with Gideon

H. Hollister, of Litchfield; was admitted to the bar at Litchfield in April, 1850, and established himself in his profession, immediately after his admission, in New Milford, where he still continues.

Oliver Todd practised law for a time in New Milford, and removed to Danbury.

William Knapp commenced the practice of law in Bridgeport, came to New Milford and continued his profession a few years, and in 1880 removed to Denver, Colorado, where he became partner with Senator Rice in the practice of law.

Daniel Wilson read law with David C. Sanford, and was admitted to the bar at Litchfield in April, 1839, and practiced a time in New Milford.

Frederick Chittenden practiced law for a time in New Milford.

John F. Addis studied law with John S. Turrill, in New Milford, and was admitted to the bar at Litchfield, Aug. 16, 1882, and established his office with John S. Turrill, in New Milford.

Physicians in New Milford and Bridgewater.

Those who practiced here before 1800, according to Mr. Griswold's sermon, were

Riverius Carrington,	Samuel Thomas,
Jonah Todd,	Chauncey Lowry,
John Carrington,	Herman Curtis,
George Hurd.	

Thomas Pickett, who settled in New Milford in 1713, is recorded as a doctor, but why is not certain, since we have no account of his following the practice of medicine. He died in 1774.

Mrs. Lydia Brownson was another person who merits a record in this place as an honor to womanhood and the town. She was the wife of Samuel Brownson, Esqr. (Judge of Quorum for the County of New Haven), who was among the earliest settlers here, but died in 1733. His widow, Lydia, made professional calls as a midwife, which she may also have done before his death. The following is found upon the town records :

"New Milford, the 7th of ye 12th month, 1738-9. Then was born to John Ferriss and Abigail his wife two daughters, named Deborah and Rachel; witness, Ly-

dia Brownson, midwife, Sarah Ferriss, Hannah Gaylord, Hannah Weller, Deborah Seelye.

"New Milford, 7th of the 6th month, 1740. Then was born unto John Ferris and Abigail his wife a son named Nathan; witness, Lydia Brownson, midwife, Sarah Ferris, Dorothy Tryon, Hannah Briggs, Mary Weller, Hannah Talcott, Deborah Seelye.

"New Milford, the 7th day of 11th month, 1741-2. Then was born to John Ferriss and Abigail his wife a daughter named Rosannah; witness, Midwife Lydia Brownson, Dorothy Tryon, Hannah Sherwood, Mary Weller, Phebe Gaylord, Deborah Seelye."

All the persons named in these records were members of the Quaker families, except Mrs. Brownson, and because of forms, or usages of the Quakers, we are favored with the records as they are.

Mrs. Brownson married Mr. Samuel Lumm, of Derby, Mar. 2, 1741, and removed to Derby.

Doct. Riverius Carrington came from New Haven.

The following record reveals the disposition of the town to encourage and sustain the Doctor in the town:

"April 27, 1741. Voted, that the said town gives to Doct. Riverius Carrington thirty rods of land adjoining to the home lot which he bought of Lt. Joseph Bostwick, to be laid out by Sargt. Nathaniel Bostwick and Elnathan Curtiss, and that the well shall be taken in the said thirty rods of land on the south side of the house, and the remaining part on the north side of the house."

Doctor Carrington married Penelope, daughter of the Rev. Daniel Boardman, July 7, 1742, two years before the decease of Mr. Boardman. Three children only are recorded, but his descendants remained in the town many years. He died Sept. 14, 1753, æ. 36.

Doct. John Carrington came from New Haven, probably, and married Susanna Noble, of N. M., June 16, 1756. He came after the death of Doct. Riverius Carrington, and died Sept. 3, 1771, æ. 41. He had seven children.

Doct. Jonah Todd, said to have come from Greenwich, Conn., about 1755, and married Jane Welch, of N. M., Mar. 23, 1756. He was appointed Surgeon's Mate in the army in the French war, in 1761, but the war soon closed and he did not serve long in that office. He resided in Park Lane; was a practicing physician, and died Mar. 17, 1783, aged 50 years. It is said that

while visiting a patient, being in the act of feeling the pulse of the patient, he fell, and died instantly of apoplexy.

Doct. George Hurd was of New Milford in 1770, when he purchased land on Poplar street, now Park Lane, where he resided a number of years.

Doct. Lemuel Thomas was born in Newtown, Ct., Dec. 2, 1760; came to New Milford about 1780, and married Susannah, daughter of Doct. John Carrington.

He was a practicing physician, and died Dec. 2, 1798, aged 38 years.

Doct. Chauncey Lowry came to New Milford and married Aurelia, daughter of Reuben Booth, about 1785, and was a practicing physician until his decease in 1803, aged 42 years.

Doct. Heman Curtiss was a practicing physician in New Milford quite a number of years, his house standing near the present Congregational parsonage.

J. Knight Bacon, M.D., son of Rev. Wm. T. Bacon of Woodbury, and later of Derby, Conn., was graduated at Yale College in 1860, and at Yale Medical School in 1864. He settled in his practice in New Milford in 1868, where he still continues.

Doct. Isaac Baldwin, son of Gamaliel, was a surgeon in the Revolutionary war, and afterwards settled in Waterbury in the practice of his profession, where he married Sarah, the daughter of Mark Leavenworth, in 1782. He removed to Sharon, Mass., about 1797, and thence to Great Barrington, where he resumed practice, and where he died Feb. 21, 1814.

Levi Beardsley, M.D., was raised in Bridgewater, and settled in the practice of medicine in Trumbull, Conn.

Doct. Oliver W. Boardman, son of Hon. Homer Boardman, was born May 21, 1803; educated as a physician, and died at New Orleans Oct. 15, 1834.

Henry DuBois, M.D., practiced medicine in Bridgewater a few years.

Doct. Arza Canfield was raised in Bridgewater, and practiced medicine in Brookfield, Ct.

Doct. Calvert Canfield, son of Augustine Canfield, of Bridgewater, was born in 1809, and was a practicing physician in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N. Y., where he died Aug. 11, 1860.

Doct. Royal R. Canfield, son of Augustine Canfield, of Bridgewater, was born in 1811, and practiced medicine in North Carolina.

Doct. Jonathan Downs, son of Jonathan Downs of Second Hill, N. M., was born April 11, 1745; and practiced medicine many years, residing just in the edge of Bridgewater on the direct road from New Milford to that place.

Doct. Erastus Erwin was raised in Bridgewater, and practiced medicine in Newtown, where he died.

Doct. Horace Judson, a native of Newtown and son of Reuben Judson, was a practicing physician in Bridgewater from 1833 to 1863. He married a daughter of Doct. Reuben Warner (see p. 445).

David Knowles, M.D., born at Lanesville in N. M., was graduated at the New York Hygieio-Therapeutic College in 1866, and studied at the New York College of Dentistry in 1866 and 7. He is a dentist in New Milford village.

Jennie N. Knowles, wife of Doct. David Knowles, was graduated at the same college as her husband, in New York, in 1865, R. T. Trall being President of the institution. She assists her husband in the practice of dentistry.

Doct. Joel Northrop, son of Amos Northrop, 2d, of Park Lane, was educated as a physician, and settled in New Haven, where he followed his profession.

Doct. Samuel Orton practiced medicine in Bridgewater.

Doct. Charles A. Randall, son of Richard Randall, of Bridgewater, was born April 18, 1798; settled in New Milford in his profession; married Sophia P. McMahon, Oct. 27, 1825, and died March 2, 1826.

George Taylor, M.D., was a practicing physician in New Milford many years. (See Biog.)

Doct. William H. Taylor, son of Col. William Taylor, was born in 1790; graduated at Yale Medical College; was surgeon in the war of 1812. He m. Harriet, dau. of Hon. Homer Boardman, and died in 1818, æ. 28 years.

Charles Taylor, M.D., son of George Taylor, M.D., of New Milford, after studying with his father, attended one course of lectures at the Yale Medical Department; two courses in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York city, and one

course at the Medical College at Geneva, N. Y., where he graduated in June, 1852. After his graduation he attended one course of lectures at the Hahneman Medical College, in New York city. He practiced in Bridgeport one year, and then, in 1854, settled in his practice in his native town, where he continues.

Doct. Nathaniel Towner, apparently a practicing physician, resided in the southwest corner of the original township of New Milford a number of years, where he owned a dwelling-house and farm, which he bought in 1778.

Doct. Reuben Warner, Sen., practiced as an Indian doctor many years in Bridgewater. (See p. 444.)

Doct. Reuben Warner, Jr., son of Doct. Reuben, Sen., was educated a physician, and practiced in Bridgewater. (See p. 445.)

Doct. Benjamin Warner practiced as an Indian doctor in Bridgewater. (See p. 444.)

Jehiel Williams, M.D., was a native of Lebanon, and came to New Milford, where he was a practicing physician many years, and was one of the most highly-esteemed citizens that ever lived in the town, as expressed by all the people who remember him. (See p. 291.)

Charles Wooster, raised in Bridgewater, settled as a practicing physician in Tariffville, Conn.

Amaziah Wright, M.D., settled in New Milford about the year 1800; remained here a few years and removed to Poughkeepsie, and thence, after a short time, to New York city, where he practiced in his profession until a short time before his death. He came to New Milford for rest and health, and died here Dec. 11, 1838, in the 63d year of his age.

List of Ministers in New Milford and Bridgewater.

Rev. Daniel Boardman was the first settled minister in the town. He commenced preaching here in March, 1712, and died in 1744. (See Biog.)

Rev. Nathaniel Taylor was pastor in New Milford from 1748 until his decease, in 1800. (See Biog.)

Rev. Solomon Palmer was the first Episcopal minister regularly officiating in New Milford. (See p. 166.)

Rev. Thomas Davies was the second Episcopal minister regularly serving that church in New Milford. (See p. 166, and Biog.)

Rev. Richard Clark was settled pastor to the Episcopal Church in New Milford, 1767-1787. (See p. 167.)

Rev. Tillotson Bronson officiated in the St. John's Church about one year.

Rev. Truman Marsh was Rector of St. John's Church nine years, 1790-1799. (See p. 169.)

Rev. Stanley Griswold was settled pastor of the Congregational Church here from 1790 to 1802. (See chapter xvi, and Biog.)

Alphabetic List of Ministers.

Rev. Charles G. Acly was Rector of St. John's Church twenty years, and died March 24, 1880. (See Biog., p. 563.)

Rev. Eugene F. Atwood has supplied the pulpit at Bridgewater about one year.

Rev. John Treat Baldwin, son of John Baldwin, of Long Mountain, N. M., was born March 12, 1799; graduated at Princeton College; was ordained about 1820, and is said to have been preaching to the Modoc Indians in 1873.

Rev. Norman B. Baldwin, born in New Milford in 1824, is a Baptist clergyman. (See Biog., p. 566.)

Rev. Daniel Baldwin, born in New Milford in 1786, was a Baptist clergyman. (See Biog., p. 564.)

Rev. Elijah Baldwin, son of Asahel, was born April 14, 1805; became a Baptist minister, and preached about thirty years; removed to Butternuts, N. Y. He died at Girard, Erie County, Pa., Oct. 14, 1868. He is said to have been a good man and a very good preacher.

Rev. David Baldwin, born Dec. 5, 1741, was a Congregational clergyman, and is supposed to have settled in New Jersey, near Dover, and afterwards in Cataraugus County, N. Y.

Rev. H. M. Barlow preached to the Baptist Church at Northville, N. M., about 1856. (See p. 320.)

Rev. Isaac C. Beach was born in Bridgewater, March 7, 1802. (See Biog., p. 563.)

Elder Eleazer Beacher was ordained a Baptist elder, and preached many years to the Baptist Church at Northville, in N. M. (See p. 320.)

Rev. Julius O. Beardsley was raised in Bridgewater; educated

and went to Ohio, and afterwards was a missionary some years at the West India Islands.

Rev. Edwin Beardsley was born in Newtown; licensed to preach in August, 1853; settled in the First Baptist Church in Fishkill, N. Y., in April, 1854; ordained June 21, 1854; settled in Hillsdale, N. Y., April 1, 1860; removed to Tawas, Mich., January, 1861, and, in consequence of ill health, he returned east in the autumn of 1872; was again settled in Hillsdale, remaining two years, and then settled in Northville in the spring of 1875, where he is still laboring.

Rev. Benjamin Benham was Rector in St. John's parish from 1807 to 1827. (See p. 170.)

Rev. George S. Bennett, a native of New Milford, is an Episcopal clergyman in Dorchester, Mass. (See Biog., p. 568.)

Rev. Charles A. Boardman, son of Hon. Homer Boardman, was born, Nov. 19, 1788; m. Sophia Hine and settled in Ohio as a merchant, but not long after returned to Conn.; studied for the ministry and was settled pastor at New Preston from 1818 to 1830; then at New Haven, Third Church, from 1830 to 1832. After this he was pastor at Hudson, Ohio, from 1838 until 1854, when he removed to Monroe, Wisconsin, where he lived with his daughter until his death in or about 1880. His wife died about nine years before he did.

Rev. Gideon Bostwick was born in N. M. in 1742; graduated at Yale College, and was a teacher of the Classical School established in Great Barrington, Mass., by Dr. Whiting, Col. Dwight, and other members of the Episcopal Church in 1766, where for a time he served as lay reader, then went to England and received orders from the Bishop of London, and was rector at Great Barrington from 1767 to 1793.

Rev. David Bostwick was born in N. M. Jan. 8, 1721. (See Biog., p. 577.)

Rev. James B. Bonar was born in Scotland; graduated at Wabash College in 1853, and at Union Theological Seminary, New York city, in March, 1857; installed pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, Ca., June 6, 1857, where he served until 1869. He was installed pastor at New Milford, June 30, 1870, where he is successfully prosecuting the pastoral work.

Rev. Edward R. Brown is rector of St. John's Church at the present time, and has been since Nov. 28, 1880.

Rev. David Brownson was born in New Milford in 1739; graduated at Yale College in 1762; ordained pastor at Oxford, Conn., in 1764; dismissed in 1779, and died in 1806. (Sprague's Annals.)

Rev. Josiah J. Buck was born in New Milford, Mar. 3, 1794, and was pastor at Jewett, Greene Co., N. Y.

Rev. Albert B. Camp was ordained pastor in Bridgewater, Dec. 9, 1834, and was dismissed in June, 1843. He died in Bristol, Ct. (See p. 420.)

Rev. Alfred S. Clark was rector of St. John's Church three years. (See p. 476.)

Rev. Baldwin Crane, son of Stephen Crane, Sen., was born about 1783, at what is Park Lane. After his conversion he united with the Baptist Church at Northville, where he began to preach, although not as a settled minister. He removed to Kent, and while living there he preached frequently, and perhaps regularly, at Dover, N. Y., as a licensed preacher. After a few years he removed to Meredith, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he was ordained as pastor, and preached there about seven years. He then removed to Otego, Otsego Co., where he gathered a society, built a church, and preached six or eight years. After this he preached at several places for short periods of time, until his health failed. He died in Sidney, Delaware County, N. Y., July 20, 1851, aged 68 years.

Rev. Albert B. Camp, son of Rev. Joseph E. Camp, of Northfield, Conn., was ordained pastor at Bridgewater, Dec. 9, 1834, and continued there nine years, when he was dismissed.

Rev. William H. Dean was installed at Bridgewater, Aug. 28, 1867, and dismissed in June, 1871, and went to Cal.

Rev. John B. Doolittle was pastor, installed in 1872, at Bridgewater, and continued about six years.

Rev. Andrew Elliott, son of Rev. Andrew Elliott of Fairfield, was graduated at Yale College in 1790; was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, Feb. 24, 1808, and served with much success until his death May 9, 1829. (See p. 469.)

The Rev. Maltby Gelston, who supplied the pulpit at Bridgewater one year, was the son of the venerable pastor of the same

name at Sherman, and not the pastor himself, as stated on page 420 in this book.

Rev. John Greenwood was pastor of the Congregational Church from 1844 until 1849. He was born in Berwick, England, June 5, 1794; was ordained pastor at Royston, Eng., June 20, 1822, and continued there until July, 1836. He came to America and was installed at Bethel, Conn., in 1838, where he continued until 1842; preached in N. M. one year, and was installed here in 1844, and resigned in 1849. In 1843 he received the honorary degree of A.M. from Yale College.

Rev. George C. Griswold officiated a short time in St. John's Church in 1880.

Rev. Luman B. Hamblin, a local minister of the M. E. Church in Bridgewater, is a native of that town, born in 1797, and still living. For many years he has served in this laborious but not remunerative office, with honor to the cause and his church.

Rev. Fosdic Harrison, while pastor at Roxbury, supplied the pulpit at Bridgewater for several years, and from 1852 to his death in 1860, he was acting pastor and resided in the parsonage; and was very much esteemed by the people generally.

Rev. William Agur Hawley was raised in Bridgewater, educated and settled in the northern part of Connecticut.

Rev. B. G. Hayden officiated in St. John's Church a few months. (See p. 475.)

Rev. Henry Heart was acting pastor from July, 1863, to July, 1866, and was pastor afterwards at South Windsor, Ct.

Rev. J. Hepburn preached to the Baptist Church at Northville, N. M., about 1860. (See p. 320.)

Rev. Daniel Hine was ordained pastor of the Separate Congregational Church, Nov. 10, 1796, and served that church about fourteen years, until its dissolution.

Rev. Orlo Daniel Hine, son of Daniel Hine of New Milford, was born Oct. 28, 1815; was graduated at Yale College in 1837; completed the course at Yale Theological Seminary in 1840; was pastor at Clinton, Ct., from April 14, 1841, to Oct. 25, 1842; preached at Fair Haven, Vt., from Sept., 1843, to Sept. 1845; preached at Pontiac, Mich., from Jan., 1846, to Oct., 1851; was pastor at North Woodstock, Ct., from Jan. 6, 1852, to Nov. 5, 1855; has been pastor at Lebanon, Ct., since May 21, 1856, and

observed the 25th anniversary of his settlement in that place on May 21, 1881.

Rev. John W. Hoffman officiated in St. John's Church about two years. (See p. 475.)

Rev. Philo Ruggles Hurd, son of Anson, was raised in Bridgewater; preached a number of years, went to Detroit, Mich., where he still resides.

Rev. John T. Huntington, was a native of New Milford, and professor in Trinity College, Hartford. (See Biog., p. 597.)

Rev. Enoch Huntington was rector of St. John's Church twenty years. (See p. 474, and Biog., p. 595.)

Rev. James Kilbourn was ordained in Bridgewater, Feb. 21, 1844, and was dismissed July 1, 1850. He removed to Ill. (See p. 421.)

Elder Elisha Marsh preached for the Separate Church several years from about 1760. (See p. 198.)

Rev. Daniel Marsh was born in New Milford in 1762; graduated at Williams College, and was pastor at Bennington, Vt., from 1806 to 1820. He died at Janesville, N. Y., in 1843.

Rev. Cyrus Munson was in charge of St. John's Church a few months in 1848. (See p. 475.)

Rev. David Murdoch was born in Glasgow, Scotland; was graduated at Union Theological Seminary, New York city, in 1848; ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, New Milford, Sept. 18, 1750, sermon by his father, and served the church successfully until Sept. 28, 1869, was installed pastor of the Third Church, New Haven, Oct. 1, 1869; where he remained until May 15, 1874. He is now settled in Peekskill, N. Y. He received the degree of A.M. from Yale College in 1852, and that of D.D. from Union College in 1868.

Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, born April 26, 1791; graduated at Yale College in 1810, and studied at the Central Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York; was ordained Deacon in 1812, and Priest in 1815. He was settled pastor of Christ Church, Middletown, Conn., from April, 1816, to 1828; was pastor in Elizabeth, N. J., four years; returned to Bridgeport, Conn., and after various service there and in Brooklyn, N. Y., as a minister, he died in Bridgeport, in 1848, aged 57.

Rev. S. Fielder Palmer supplied the pulpit in Bridgewater nearly two years, to June, 1881, and removed to Patchoug, L. I.

Rev. Merritt S. Platt was born in New Milford in 1805; graduated at Hamilton College; was ordained pastor at Madison, N. Y., September, 1837; was acting pastor in several places until 1864.

Rev. Noah Porter was pastor of the Congregational Church from 1836 until 1842. (See p. 471, and Biog.)

Rev. L. L. Potwin was ordained pastor in Bridgewater Oct. 2, 1860, and dismissed in 1863, and was afterwards professor in a Western College.

Rev. William Rees was in charge of St. John's Church a few months in 1850.

Rev. Heman Rood was born in Vermont; graduated at Middlebury College in 1819, and at the Seminary in 1825; ordained pastor at Gilmanston, N. H., June 12, 1826, and continued two years; was pastor in New Milford from 1830 to 1835; resigned, and served as professor in the Theological Seminary at Gilmanston, N. H., seven years.

Rev. D. P. Sanford was Rector of St. John's Church about two years. (See p. 475.)

Rev. Levi Smith was raised in Bridgewater; educated, and was settled pastor in South Windsor, Conn., from 1840 to 1849, and died in 1852. (?)

Rev. George Sterling, born in New Milford in 1842, was graduated at Amherst College; studied theology at Andover, Mass., and is pastor of a Congregational Church in Milton, N. H.

Rev. Reuben Taylor, of Warren, Ct., was ordained pastor in Bridgewater Jan. 24, 1810, and dismissed April 5, 1815, and afterwards preached in Trumbull, Ct., some years; removed to Windham, O., where he died. (See p. 415.)

Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor was born in New Milford in 1786. (See Biog., p. 621.)

Rev. Joseph Treat was born in Bridgewater Dec. 10, 1783. (See Biog., p. 627.)

Rev. E. L. Wells, D.D., was in charge of St. John's Church about nine months. (See Biog.)

Rev. Dillon Williams was acting pastor in Bridgewater two years, until September, 1852.

A list of the Methodist ministers who have been appointed to New Milford may be seen on page 473.

Graduates of Colleges.

Baldwin, Norman B., Madison University, 1846.	Bull, Edward Coleman, Yale, 1826.
Beach, Isaac Closson, Yale, 1826.	Canfield, John, Yale, 1762.
Boardman, Charles A., Yale, 1819.	Green, Henry Sherwood, Yale, 1879.
Boardman, Maj. Daniel, Yale, 1781.	Hine, Orlo Daniel, Yale, 1837.
Boardman, Judge David S., Yale, 1793.	Marsh, Frank Wanzer, Yale, 1879.
Boardman, William W., Yale, 1812.	Merwin, Dwight T., Yale.
Bostwick, Gideon, Yale, 1762.	Northrop, Amos, Jr., Yale, 1762.
Bostwick, Jared, Yale, 1774.	Northrop, Joel, Yale, 1880.
Bostwick, Samuel, Yale, 1780.	Taylor, Augustin, Yale, 1776.
Brownson, David, Yale, 1762.	Taylor, William, Yale, 1785.
	Wheaton, Nathaniel S., Yale, 1814.

The Topeka Club.

This well-known institution has been celebrated about twenty years for good nature, many pleasant stories, and a considerable attempt at wit and humor. Sheriff Levi S. Knapp, shoe merchant, and now eighty years of age, is President of the Club, since the meetings are always held in his store, usually morning and evening, but never at late hours. The members include from three to ten, or a few more, well-known, sedate, and "well-to do" gentlemen, who, after many years of hard work—so hard at least as to learn them something of the worth of money and time—meet together to devote a few stray moments to philosophy and the voice of experience. Under such circumstances, and with such objects in view, it is believed that the members of the Club can have no objection to a brief historical statement of their benevolent designs.

Some slight attempt at poetical effusions have been made in the Club, and fortunately they have not all been forgotten. It happened a few years since, when three brethren, Starr, Hine, and Baccus, were all living, that one of them produced the following, in his own favor and as a joke on the others:

A Starr that shoots, but never shines,
Falls far below our brother Hine's,
But his lustre is so dim
That Baccus runs ahead of him.

On another occasion, while a church fair was being conducted in the community in aid of that institution, one of the brethren, feeling a little sensitiveness as to some methods employed in such enterprises, delivered his speech in the meeting to the following effect :

The legislature of the State
Barred the door to lottery's gate,
But Christian females picked the lock
To raise the cash to feed the flock.

Cato Nichols, it is said, was the most accomplished colored man of whom the town has been able to boast. All conceded that if any one could go to heaven on the principles of good nature, faithful service, and upright Christian life, Cato must be the man. But Baccus, who had a bump in his head or heart or somewhere that led him to look at the inconsistencies of slavery and its apologists, came into the meeting one night with the following query, which is still waiting for an answer :

If distinctions are unknown
In the land where Cato has gone,
Why not labor in your sphere
To carry out the practice here ?

In the days of the abolitionists and the underground railroad, it was well known that the managers of that road had a track laid through New Milford, from New York city to Canada, and the fact caused many threats about fire to be made, although no personal violence was ever committed in this town, on account of this agitation, so far as has been heard. The abolitionists were very few in number, that is, the known abolitionists, but there were a great many, for lately it has been ascertained that almost everybody was an abolitionist, but they did not formerly speak in meeting, that's all. They speak now.

One evening there was read from a New York paper, at the meeting of the Topeka Club, an advertisement of reward of five hundred dollars for the apprehension of two runaway slaves. Suddenly one of the brethren started up as if electrified by a galvanic battery, and said : "I would not wonder if those very slaves were now down in old Baccus's house, and if I knew they were, I'd have them if I had to tear the house down." A few days after, it was learned that those slaves, in the custody of a New York lawyer, did stay that same night referred to at the house of Augustine Thayer, who was familiarly called Baccus.

The underground railroad had stations at the dwellings of Mr. William Wanzer, Mr. Charles Sabin, below Lanesville; at Mr. Augustine Thayer's, in the village, and at Dea. Gerardus Roberts, on Second Hill, and thus onward to Canada.

The estimate of the value of the stock of the road has greatly increased since the late civil war, but the use of the road seems to be entirely given up.

The Cornet Band.

The names of the "Citizens Cornet Band" of New Milford were not obtained in time to be inserted elsewhere. They are as follows :

C. M. Booth, Pres.,	Charles Hine,
W. S. Palmer, Vice-Pres.,	Henry Osborn,
A. R. Piercy, Sec. and Treas.,	John Harman,
George Pixley, Leader,	Frank Seymour,
Walter Peck,	Walter Rowe,
George Hopper,	Louis Pratt,
Albert Morehouse,	C. Addis,
R. C. Allin,	L. E. Baker.

Account Books.

Old account books sometimes make revelations worthy of notice. Joel Northrop, a tailor and a shoemaker and farmer in Lower Merryall, kept an account with many persons, and one of his books is preserved. It begins in 1784, and continues until after 1800. Some extracts will illustrate the life of those days, as well as inform of historical facts :

"Samuel Davenport came here to live April 1, 1793. Lost a half a day to Stone's raising. Lost one day and a half when you brother died. Lost half a day on the highway. Lost half a day at Stephen's raising. Lost one day to town trooping. Lost 16 days at Virgennes in October."

At the end of the season for which the engagement for work was made, Mr. Northrop wrote :

"Samuel Davenport's account is £32-3-2; Our account is £33-11-7."

That is a kind of balance sheet that has stared many a young man in the face, against all good manners and good breeding. But Samuel Davenport tried the next year, but the losses would get into the account every year :

"Lost one day to town in March. Lost half a day to spinning frolick. Lost two days when the hurricane was—June 19, 1794."

This hurricane is the one referred to in Davis Baldwin's "Narrative," on page 242 of this book, and it was so terrible that probably more than one young man spent two days in looking at the destruction.

That "spinning frolick" was another thing that counted for lost time, but possibly the recreation counted for something. It appears to have occurred in February or March, and that was the season when the women were engaged in spinning flax for the summer clothing. When a family needed help in this work, or when the young people wanted a social time at a farmer's house, a "help" was proposed—in New York State it was called a "Spinning Bee,"—that is, a busy time helping. The young men took a pound of flax, or something near that amount, and carried it to a young lady, and asked her to spin it and accompany him to the home of the family for whom the work was to be done, on a certain afternoon and evening, the young men going in the evening, when usually the violin music was sure to be at hand, and a pleasant time enjoyed. It occurred in a town in Connecticut, that at such a party one young lady had no gentleman as her company, which was a fact of extreme mortification to her, as she was obliged to walk home alone, for the etiquette of the times did not allow such trifling with the young ladies hearts as to permit one young man to walk home with two young ladies at the same time. Indeed, many young men had to pick out their wives by looking across the meeting-house a few times, then going first to the father to ask permission to become acquainted with his daughter, with the view of marrying her. Hence, if he found afterwards that he had made a mistake, he could not with honor change his plan, for he had already spoken with the "old man."

Samuel Davenport also attended several "raisings." These were the occasions when the frames for buildings were erected and stayed in their places, to be afterwards covered. Sometimes the frames for barns were so heavy as to require a large company of men to raise them, setting up but small portions of the frames at a time. And, also, such occasions were jolly good times, for

besides having enough of all kinds to drink, it was customary to have a good lunch or supper at five o'clock in the afternoon.


It was customary often at the close of the "raising" to name the building, in which ceremony the men would be arranged on the plate of the building, or some elevated part of it, when the leader, with an oration adapted to the circumstances, would call for a name, and upon the proposal of several a vote would be taken, as to which should be the one applied to that building. The question being settled, the leader announced the name with another appropriate speech, after which there would be "a drink all around," followed by three cheers, in the midst of which the leader threw the bottle to some great distance, where it was broken into many pieces.

New Milford Water Company.

Since preparing the record printed on page 508, this Company has purchased about twelve acres of land on both sides of Cross Brook, a quarter of a mile above the dam of their present reservoir, for the purpose of building an additional reservoir, with a capacity of about five times that of the present one, or 11,000,000 of gallons. The cost of this work will be about \$12,000, which will make the capital stock \$43,000. The value of the stock is now \$160 per 100, which shows a very different estimate of the enterprise from that when the enterprise was first started. More than one year was at first spent in raising \$21,000 of the \$25,000 wanted, and when the works were constructed, at a cost of \$31,000, a certain Savings Bank was applied to for a loan of \$7,000 on the whole property, and the directors of the bank, after mature deliberation, concluded to accept the loan on condition that each of the directors of the Water Company—either one of whom was a responsible party for that sum—should become personally responsible for the amount. Now the surprise is that an additional reservoir is needed.

The Bridgeport Wood Finishing Company.

This company has built a large mill at the Great Falls in New Milford, for grinding Silica, a material recently come into use for various purposes, of great value. The building is 200 feet in length, 60 feet in width, with an ell 100 feet long and 25 feet wide, the main building being three stories high. The



foundation for the superstructure has been laid at great cost and in the most substantial manner, with stone of immense size and weight; and the whole structure with the machinery is massive to a surprising degree. Twenty-four mill-stones for grinding the Silica will soon be completed, and all other machinery for the purpose of producing the material and fitting it for market, and when so finished it has the prospect of being one of the most profitable enterprises of the day, and is, it is to be hoped, the beginning of great enterprises within the territory of New Milford.

It was intended to give here a full description of this enterprise, which began over one year ago, but various causes compel the dismissal of the subject with this brief notice of it as a very important and interesting enterprise.

New Milford Village Burying-place.

This Burying-place is the first that was established in the town, it having been laid out in 1716, by the town, containing two acres of land. The inscriptions here given are those only of the old burying-place. The New Cemetery was laid at a recent date, on the north side of and adjoining the old one, and both together form one of the most beautifully and pleasantly located and ornamented cemeteries in this State. The crowded and extended state of these pages does not allow of the addition of the inscriptions of the New Cemetery, else they would be included.

The inscriptions of the Long Mountain burying-place were copied and arranged for the printer, but have been mislaid, and cannot now be found.

In the process of time and history, the last place we reach is the city of the dead; the habitation of the sleeping. So it is, and so it must be. O, what strength! O, what beauty! O, what loveliness, lie securely at rest in this beautiful amphitheatre of the departed!

Where the wind is sweetly sighing,
Where the willows of the dell
Chant the song of sleeping, sleeping;
By an angel tended well
Is a sacred, sad enclosure,
Where above the lowly head
Of the sleeper, waving cypress
Marks the City of the dead.

LUCY AVERY, Died Dec. 12, 1855, *Æt.* 67.

A. G.

A. G., JULY 02, 1722. [Probably Abigail Gould, who died July 20, 1722.]

A. P., Au., 1734.

AMOS BALDWIN, son to Samuel and Grace Baldwin, aged 1 year and 1 day, died Aug. 5, 1741.

In memory of

BRISTOL, son of John and Susanna Baldwin, who died Oct. 3, 1806, aged 7 years.

His temper meek, his manners mild,
His dying words, Lord bless the child.

Died, Apr. 14, 1842,

CHARLOTTE M., daughter of Samuel and Mabel Baldwin, aged 3 years and 6 months.

In memory of

DANIEL, son of Israel and Elizabeth Baldwin, Sept., 1766, in the 4th year of his age.

In memory of

EDMAN, son of Israel and Elizabeth Baldwin, Jr., died Sept., 1766, in the 3d year of his age.

In memory of

MRS. HANNAH, relict of Deacon Israel Baldwin, who died Dec. 27, 1812, aged 90 years.

In memory of

HANNAH, daughter of John and Susanna Baldwin, who died Oct. 14, 1806, aged 17 years.

Youth, health and beauty
Torn from friends
Lies clasped in Death's
Cold icy hands.

HARVEY, son of Elmer and Adaline Baldwin, Died Sept. 1, 1834, aged 1 year and 7 days.

In memory of

MR. ISAAC BALDWIN, who died Dec. 16, 1811, in the 77th year of his age.

The God I lov'd
Did me remove
And gave a peaceful end.
Prepare with speed
All you that read
To make this God your friend.

In memory of

DEACON ISRAEL BALDWIN, who departed this life July 1, 1797, in the 79th year of his age.

Life makes the soul dependent on the Just
Death gives her wings
To mount above the spheres
Feeble nature may drop a tear
While Reason and Religion better taught
Congratulate the dead
And crown the tomb
With wreath triumphant.

In memory of

ISRAEL BALDWIN, JR. He died Mar. 20, 1788, aged 27 years.

When this you see
Remember me.

Here lies the body of

ISRAEL BALDWIN, Jun., who died of the small-pox, Mar. 16, 1778, in the 41st year of his age.

When this you see
Remember me.

In memory of

MR. JOHN BALDWIN, who was killed by the fall of a tree, Jan. 10, 1803, aged 46 years.

Blest is the Christian whose decease
Transmits his soul to endless peace
Whose flesh still slumbers in the dust
Till waked to join the rising just
Death is a debt to nature due
Which I have paid and so must you.

In memory of

MARY BALDWIN, daughter of John and Susanna Baldwin, who died July 23, 1808, in the 23d year of her age.

Death thou hast conquered me
I by thy dart am slain
But Christ has conquered thee
And I shall rise again.

In memory of widow

MARTHA BALDWIN, relict of Capt. Theophilus Baldwin, who died Mar. 20, 1825, aged 83 years.

In memory of

MERCY BALDWIN, who died July 5, 1823, aged 64 years.

In memory of

MRS. MERCY BALDWIN, wife to Mr. Simcon Baldwin. She died June 15, 1763, in the 36th year of her age.

In memory of

NORMAND BALDWIN, who died January 25, 1825, in the 21st year of his age.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise
And in my Saviour's image rise.

In memory of

PAMELA, daughter of Mr. Israel and Elizabeth Baldwin, Jun. She died July 6, 1762, in the first year of her age.

Here lies the body of

SARGT. SAMUEL BALDWIN, died Dec. 18, 1740, in the 56th year of his age.

In memory of

MRS. SARAH BALDWIN, relict of Mr. Samuel Baldwin. She died Feb. 23, 1777, in the 92d year of her age.

CAPT. THEOPHILUS BALDWIN, died Mar. 10, 1804, aged 76 years.

To his memory this monument is erected.

CAPT. THEOPHILUS BALDWIN, died May 1, 1745, in the 51st year of his age.

In memory of

MR. WAITER BALDWIN, son of Mr. Israel and Mrs. Luvinia Baldwin, who died Feb. 22, 1814, *æ.* 27 years.

In memory of
DANIEL, the son of Mr. Israel and Elizabeth Baldwin, died Jan. 29, 1781, in the 12th year of his age.

ISAAC BARD, died Nov. 21, 1844, in the 71st year of his age.

ABIA, wife of Isaac Bard, died Jan. 27, 1863, aged 90 yrs.

WM. BARTRAM, Died Nov., 1864, Aged 80 years.

EUNICE, his wife, Died June, 1850, Aged 60 years.

Here lies the body of
MR. REUBEN BARDSLER, who dec'd Aug. 16, 1754, A. D., in the 23d year of his age.

OLIVER B., son of Burroughs and Harriet Beach, died Sep. 4, 1832, aged 4 years and 3 mo.

With reverential awe and dread
We view our infant children dead
And grieve their hapless fate
But did we realize the joy
Which does their blessed tongues employ
How pleased to see their state.

In memory of
ELEAZER BEACHER, who died June 7, 1812, in the 81st year of his age.

In memory of
BENJAMIN, son of David and Polly Beard, who died Feb. 23, 1816, aged 21 years.

When blooming youth is snatched away
By death's resistless hand
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
Which pity must demand.

In memory of
DAVID BEARD, who died Oct. 15, 1844, in his 83d year.

In memory of
POLLY BEARD, wife of David Beard, who died Mar. 8, 1812, aged 43 years.

In memory of
SARAH, wife of David Beard, who died March 11, 1861, in her 89th year.

In memory of
SEYMOUR, son of David & Polly Beard, who died Mar. 5, 1836, aged 31 years.

WALTER, son of Asher and Hannah Beardsley, who died Oct. 27, 1803, in the 2d year of his age.

CHARLES E., son of Thomas and Lavina Beardsley, died Sept. 25, 1857, Æ . 1 yr., 3 mo. & 2 ds.

And forbid them not.

CLARA BELL, daughter of Thomas & Maria Beardsley, died May 2, 1875, æ . 2 mos. & 21 ds.

FRANCIS C., son of Thomas & Lavina Beardsley, died Mar. 25, 1859, æ . 6 mo. & 7 ds.

Suffer little children to come unto me.

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LAVINA, wife of Thomas Beardsley, Died Sept. 12, 1861, æ . 30 yrs. & 3 mo.

She sleeps in Jesus and is blest,
How sweet her slumbers are.

WILLIE F., son of Thomas & Maria Beardsley, died Aug. 12, 1866, æ . 5 yrs. & 5 mo.

For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

In memory of
ABIGAIL BEECHER, who died Apr. 18, 1828, aged 84 years;

also,

ELIZABETH BEECHER, who died June 12, 1832, aged 82 years.

In memory of
DEACON ELEAZAR BEECHER, who died Dec. 23, 1797, aged 90 years.

Weep not for me, my children dear,
For though my dust lies sleeping here,
My soul has gone to God above,
Rejoicing in redeeming love.

In memory of
ELLIS BEECHER, wife of Eleazer, who departed this life Apr. 23, 1814, aged 73 years.

In memory of
MRS. FRANSIS, wife of Deacon Eleazar Beecher, who died Sept. 6, 1791, aged 82 years.

My dust has turned to dust again,
My soul has left its prison clay
And gone where sin no more shall reign,
Triumphing in eternal day.

In memory of
MR. NATHANIEL BEECHER, who departed this life May 18, 1809, in the 71st year of his age.

In memory of
POLLY, wife of Eleazar Beecher, who died May 3, 1837, aged 63 years.

BENJAMIN BENHAM, Father of the Rev. Benjamin Benham, died Apr. 17, 1822, aged 89 years.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Does flourish, now he sleeps in dust.

JERVIS BENHAM, son of the Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Rebekah Benham. He died Aug. 17, 1811, æ . 19.

This stone, dear child, these tears receive,
They're all thy parents now can give.

Sacred to the memory of
RENECCA, wife of Rev. Benjamin Benham. She died Oct. 27, 1826, aged 60 years.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

In memory of
MRS. ABIGAIL, the wife of Mr. Caleb Benitt, died Nov. 7th 24, A.D. 1771, in the 45th year of her age.

CANFIELD P. BENNITT, Died March 12, 1861, æ . 45.

In memory of
FOWLER, son of Mr. Garshom and Mrs. Polly Bennet, who died Jan. 27, 1805, aged 7 years.

FREDERICK, son of Orrin and Martha P. Bennet, died Mar. 14, 1817, æ. 5 months and 3 days.

Sacred to the memory of
MR. GARSHOM BENNET, who died Jan. 27, 1815, aged 49 years and 5 months.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. POLLY BENNET, wife of Mr. Garshom Bennet and daughter of Mr. Eber and Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop. She died May 3, 1809, in the 42d year of her age.

In memory of
ELIJAH BENNETT, who died July 14, 1862, aged 86 years, 1 mo., & 19 ds.

In memory of
EDWARD BENNETT, who died May 3, 1803, in the 62d year of his age.

In memory of
POLLY, wife of Joseph Bennett, who died Sept. 15, 1827, æ. 44 years.

In memory of
CALEB BENNETT, who departed this life Mar. 24, 1790, in the 75th year of his age.

In memory of
CANFIELD BENNETT, son of Edward and Rhoda Bennett, who died June 23, 1810, in the 26 year of his age.

In memory of
CLARISSA H., wife of Stanley G. Bennett, who died Dec. 27, 1845, age 24 yrs., 9 mos., and 16 ds.

In memory of
GEORGE S., son of Elijah and Sally Bennett, died Aug. 25, 1819, aged 1 year, 7 months, and 3 days.

In memory of
NOBLE BENNETT, son of Edward and Rhoda Bennett, who died Dec. 3, 1793, in the 8th year of his age.

In memory of
MRS. RHODA BENNETT, wife of Edward Bennett, who departed this life Nov. 8, 1829, in the 82 year of her age.

In memory of
SALLY, wife of Elijah Bennett, who died May 10, 1841, aged 53 years.

In memory of
SARAH M., daughter of Noble S. and Sarah M. Bennett, who died July 26, 1848, aged 6 years.

Sleep, loved one, in thy lowly bed,
 Beneath the green turf damp and chill;
 For "blessed are the early dead,"
 Whisper sweet voices soft and still.

In memory of
STANLEY G. BENNETT, who died Apr. 30, 1847, aged 32 years.

CHARLOTTE, died Jan. 9, 1819, in her 4 year.

An infant son, died Oct. 22, 1819, aged 12 days.

Children of Nathan and Margarette Bishop.

In memory of
EBER BISHOP, who died Feb. 25, 1806, aged 64 years.

EMELINE, wife of Garry Bishop and daughter of Amos and Hannah Northrop, died Oct. 30, 1844, æ. 34 years.

MARGARETTE, wife of Nathan Bishop, died Aug. 22, 1853, aged 74.

Gone to thy rest, thou mourned and loved one,
 We would not call thee from thy blest abode.

NATHAN BISHOP, died July 13, 1848, aged 69 years.

But 13 weeks the Father lies beside the Son for whom he so deeply mourned.

WILLIAM PLATT, son of Nathan & Margarette Bishop, died April 24, 1848, aged 30 years.

Parents, and lone sister, mourn not: thy Son and Brother is happy, and waits to welcome thee home.

In memory of
WHEELER, son of Nathan and Margaret Bishop. He died Mar. 29, 1810, in the 4th year of his age.

In memory of
ANNA, wife of William Blackey and daughter of William and Jenny Watson, who died July 28, 1838, aged 36 years.

In memory of
CLARK BLACKNEY, who died May 10, 1828, aged 63 years.

In memory of
EDGAR C. BLACKNEY, son of Clark & Thalia Blackney, who died Oct. 30, 1830, aged 28 years.

In memory of
MALVINA W., daughter of William & Anna Blackney, who died Mar. 29, 1837, aged 1 year.

In memory of
THALIA BLACKNEY, wife of Clark Blackney, who died Dec. 19, 1812, aged 40 years.

In memory of
WILLIAM CLARK, son of William & Anna Blackney, who died Aug. 26, 1820, aged 1 year & 2 mo.

In memory of
WILLIAM CLARK, son of William and Anna Blackney, who died Aug. 26, 1820, aged 1 year and 2 months.

MISS CORNELIA ELIZABETH BOARDMAN,
Born Aug. 4, 1808, Died May 14, 1880,
Aged 71.

In memory of
EDMAN, son of Israel & Elisabeth Baldwin,
Jr., died Sept., 1766, in the 3^d year of
his age.

In memory of
DANIEL, son of Israel & Elisabeth Bold-
win, Sept., 1766, in the 4th year of his
age.

AMARILLAS, wife of Hon. Homer Board-
man, died Sept. 26, 1839, aged 75 years,
1 month, & 18 days.

In memory of
CHARLES S. BOARDMAN, who died Oct.
26, 1815, aged 2 years, & 10 months, &
22 days, & of

AUGUSTUS BOARDMAN, who died Oct.
31st, 1815, aged 1 year, 6 months, & 12
days; Sons of David S. & Charlotte
Boardman.

"Endless is the list of human ills,
And sighs might sooner fail than cause to sigh."

CATHARINE A. BOARDMAN, daughter of
David S. & Charlotte Boardman, died
Oct. 29, 1811, aged 2 years, 10 months,
& 16 days.

And to the memory of a much loved Child this
stone is erected by her sorrowing parents.

Here lies buried y^e body of y^e
REV. MR. DANIEL BOARDMAN, who de-
parted this life Sept. 25, Anno Domm.
1744, Aged 58 years.⁴

In memory of
DAVID, son to Capt. Sherman Boardman
& Sarah his wife. He deceased Nov.
11, 1766, in the 9th year of his age.

HON. DAVID SHERMAN BOARDMAN,
Born Dec. 8, 1768, Died Dec. 2, 1864.
His wife,

CHARLOTTE TAYLOR, Daughter of Na-
thaniel Taylor, Esq., Born March 20,
1782, Died July 22, 1846.

MONUMENT.
HON. ELIJAH BOARDMAN, A Senator of
the United States, died Aug. 18, 1823,
aged 63 years; & of his wife,

MARY ANNA, who was born Oct. 19, 1767,
and died June 24, 1848, aged 80 years.

On the south side:

At thy Grave, Dear Father, while we unite with
others in admiring thy sound wisdom, dignity of
character, and ardent patriotism, we dwell with
devoted affection on the endearing domestic and
social virtues that adorned thy life, and the tri-

Note 4.—He died Aug. 25, instead of Sept., and
his age was fifty-seven, he having been born July
12, 1787. An order for the stone was sent to Eng-
land, and the lettering with it, and the stone was
prepared there as it is.

umphant Christian hope that enabled thee to say in
thy last moments, "I die in peace."

On the east side:

"Mark the perfect man, & behold the upright,
for the end of that man is peace."
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death
of his saints."

"Blessed are the dead Who die in the Lord."

Oh the north side:

From this grave at the last day, when the trum-
pet shall sound, shall be raised, in glory, one of the
Lord's blessed dead, Our mother.

Pure in heart, meek, and holy! We dearly loved
thee, mother, and we cherish thy parting words:
"My greatest anxiety is that we may meet in a
state of happiness."

In memory of
EXPERIENCE, wife of Edward Boardman,
who died July 22, 1839, aged 53 years.

Sleep on, dear wife,
And take your rest.
God called you home,
He thought it best.

In memory of
GEORGE S. BOARDMAN, Esq., who died
on the 18th of January, A.D. 1825, aged
25 years & 3 months.

GEORGE WM. BOARDMAN, son of David
S. & Charlotte Boardman, died the 23
day of 1815, A.D., aged 4 years, 6
months, & 27 days.

"Lovely in death the beauteous ruin lay."

H. B. 1718.

In memory of the
HON. HOMER BOARDMAN, Who died
May 27, 1851, Aged 86 years, 7 months,
& 17 Days.

AMANDA S., Wife of Homer Boardman,
Died Sept. 26, 1839, Aged 75 years, 1
month and 18 days.

In memory of
MRS. JERUSHA BOARDMAN, Relict of the
Rev. Daniel Boardman, who died Aug.
the 30th, 1777, in the 85th year of her
age.

I once was active
In the busy world
Till fatal Death
His pointed arrows hurled
And plunged me in
This dreary vaulted tomb
Where you my children dear
Must quickly come.

In memory of
MARY A. BOARDMAN, daughter of the
Hon. Elijah & Mrs. Mary A. Boardman,
who died April 7, 1822, in the 17th year
of her age.

I. B.

In memory of
SARAH BOARDMAN, daughter of H. & A.
Boardman, who died Jan. 13th, 1798,
aged 8 days. Also of

OLIVER W. BOARDMAN, who died Oct. 30, 1815, aged 16 years.

In memory of
ORINDA, daughter of Sherman Boardman, Esq., & Sarah, his wife, who died Sept. 13, 1777, in the 11th year of her age.

In memory of
SHERMAN BOARDMAN, ESQ., who died July 19, 1814, aged 86 years. And of SARAH, his wife, who died Oct. 17, 1818, aged 88 years.

Behold fond man!
See here thy pictured life pass some few years;
Thy flowering Spring, thy summers ardent strength
Thy sober autumn fading into age
And pale concluding Winter comes at last
And shuts the scene.

In memory of
NANCY, wife of Peter Bolles, who departed this life Dec. 12, 1839, aged 48 years.

I leave the world without a tear
Save for the friends that linger here
To heal their sorrows Lord descend.
And to the friendless prove a friend.

REUBEN M. BOOTH, died Apr. 13, 1819, æt. 50.

ANNA E. BOOTH, his wife, died Feb. 16, 1818, æt. 48.

This monument is erected to the memory of

REUBEN BOOTH, who died July 22, 1800, aged 60 years.

SARAH BOOTH, wife of Reuben Booth, died Nov. 21, 1834, aged 89 years.

In memory of
CARR BOOTH, son of Reuben & Sarah Booth, died July 6, 1792, Aged 3 years & 10 months.

Memory of
DANIEL BOOTH, son of Reuben & Sarah Booth, died June 24, 1778, of the small-pox, aged 3 months.

[Ithiman Canfield's & Walter Booth's Vault.]

SAMUEL CANFIELD, son of Ithamer & Betsey Canfield, born Nov. 12, 1789, & died June 22, 1824, aged 34 years.

WALTER BOOTH, died Aug. 31, 1841, aged 57 years.

GEORGE S. BOOTH, son of Walter & Betsey Booth, died Aug. 18, 1841, aged 25 years.

ITHAMER CANFIELD, died Apr. 11, 1848, aged 84 years.

BETSEY CANFIELD, wife of Ithamer Canfield, died July 27, 1849, aged 79 years.

ELIZA CANFIELD, died Aug. 14, 1844, aged 27 years.

GERARDUS BOOTH, died Oct. 5, 1844, in the 73d year of his age.

Here lie the remains of
JOSIAH C. BOOTH, of New York, son of Lewis Booth of New Milford, who died Mar. 28, 1830, in the 37th year of his age.

Here lies buried ye body of
Mr. BOSTWICK, aged about 55 years, departed this life May ye 15, 1739.

In memory of
MR. ABEL BOSTWICK, who died Sept. 8, 1797, in the 64th year of his age.

In memory of
ANNE, wife of Solomon Bostwick, who died June 6, 1848, in the 68 year of her age.

In memory of
ANIGAIL, daughter to Capt. Nathan'l Bostwick, Esq., & Esther, his Wife; deceased Aug. ye 9th, 1758, in ye 22d Year of her Age.

MRS. ANN BOSTWICK, the consort of Samuel Bostwick, Esq., died Sept. 21, 1783, in the 59th year of her age.

Death's strong assault evers the failing frame,
The vault receives the pittance of an hour
The rising soul to God extends her claim
Brightens in bliss, and triumphs in his power.

In memory of
ANNA, daughter of Abel & Sarah Bostwick, who died Dec. 3, 1822, aged 60 years.

In memory of
MR. AZEL BOSTWICK, who died of the small-pox Mar. 11, 1778, in the 39th year of his age.

In memory of
BENJAMIN BOSTWICK, who died Nov. 30, 1815, aged 71 years.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. BETTY BOSTWICK, wife of Col. Elisha Bostwick, who died July 13, 1834, aged 66 years.

Sacred to the memory of
COL. ELISHA BOSTWICK, who died Dec. 11, 1834, aged 86 years.

In memory of
ELIZABETH, relict of Eber Bostwick, who died Dec. 11, 1813, aged 68 years.

Sacred to the memory of
GEORGE BOSTWICK, son of Jared & Ann Bostwick, who died Mar. 2, 1844, aged 26 years, 2 months, & 28 days.

Here lies
HANNAH BOSTWICK, wife to Abraham Bostwick, died Dec. 18, 1743, in the 37th year of her age.

HANNAH LORAIN, daughter of Samuel & Polypheme Bostwick, deceased Mar. 31, 1790, aged 1 year, 10 months, & 6 days.

The flower transplanted will forever bloom.

Here lies the body of
MR. ICHABOD BOSTWICK, who departed
this life Aug. 16, A.D. 1755, in ye 18th
year of his Age.

JARED BOSTWICK, A. M., deceased at
Norwich Aug. 30, 1778, aged 27 years;
graduated at Yale College, 1774.

Departed shade forgot,—unknown
Accept the tribute of this stone;
Tho' science fair enriched thy mind
With tender sympathies refined
It naught availed! death's cruel stroke
The golden bowl of life has broke;
Lost in manhood's early bloom
Thy blossoms wither on the tomb.

Here lies the body of
MAJOR JOHN BOSTWICK, departed this
life June 15, 1741, in the 53d year of
his age.

Sacred to the memory of
LAURA CATHARINE, daughter of Joseph
A. & Ann F. Bostwick, born Feb. 5,
1812, & departed this life June 1st fol-
lowing.

In memory of
LOIS, daughter to Capt. Nathani Bost-
wick, Esq., & Esther, his wife; De-
ceased Oct. 24, 1757, in the 25th year
of her age.

In memory of
OLIVE, wife of Benjamin Bostwick, who
died Nov. 18, 1815, aged 70 years.

In memory of
REUBEN, son to Capt. Reuben Bostwick,
and Mabel his wife, who died Jan. 20,
1777, in the 8th year of his Age.

In memory of
SOLOMON BOSTWICK, who died July 7,
1855, in the 82 year of his age.

SAMUEL BOSTWICK, Esq., died Sept. 23,
1789, aged 66 years. He was the 5th
son of Major John Bostwick, who was
the son of John Bostwick, who was the
son of Arthur Bostwick, who migrated
from ye Town of Cheshire in England.

In death the rational mind ceases to communi-
cate to the living, a marble genealogy succeeds,
& the grave becomes a Monitor.

SAMUEL BOSTWICK, A.M., deceased of
small-pox Apr. 3, 1799, aged 44 years,
2 months, & 25 days, graduated at Yale
College 1780.

Death is the crown of life
Were death denied
Poor man would live in vain.

SAMUEL R. BOSTWICK, son of Elisha
Bostwick, Esq., & Betty, his wife; de-
ceased Dec. 30, 1802, in the 4th year
of his age.

Ah, when the smile that charms the soul
The downy cheek, the speaking eye
All lost in death, & rayless now
In gloom & silence here does lie.

In memory of
SARAH BOSTWICK, Relict of Mr. Abel
Bostwick, who departed this life Feb.
28, 1815, in the 80th year of her age.

NATHAN, son of Nathan and Sarah Botch-
ford, aged 10 days; died April 19, 1743.

In memory of
MARTHA BOTSFORD, second wife of Capt.
Nathan Botsford, who departed this
life Apr. 8, 1791, aged 67 years.

In memory of
CAPT. NATHAN BOTSFORD, who died
Feb. ye 14, A.D. 1792, aged 78 years.

In memory of
MRS. SARAH, the wife of Capt. Nathan
Botsford, deceased July 26, A.D. 1770,
in the 56th year of her Age.

In memory of
AMOS BOWERS, who died Mar. 22, 1714,
aged 21 yrs.

BRADSHAW.

Here lies the body of
MRS. RACHEL, wife of Mr. James Brad-
shaw. She died Jan. 18, 1752, in the
30th year of her age.

LAVINA, wife of Calvin Bowers, Died
July 11, 1858, aged 64 yrs.

Blessed are they which are called unto
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

MARY BOWERS, Died Oct. 19, 1850, æ. 86.
DEBORA BRONSON, Died May 5, 1848,
Aged 81 years.

In memory of
EMILY C., daughter of Daniel & Almyra
Bronson, who died Oct. 8, 1831, aged
4 years.

In memory of
LUCY, wife of Orsamus Bronson, who
died Nov. 20, 1824, æ. 42 years & 6 mo.

Silent we own Jehovah's name
We kiss the scourging hand
And yield our comforts and life
To his supreme command.

In memory of
MARY BRONSON, wife of Capt. Benjamin
Bronson, who departed this life Sept.
22, 1826, æ. 75 years.

In memory of
SAMUEL BRONSON, who died July 25,
1833, in the 49th year of his age.

This stone is erected in memory of
CAPT. BENJAMIN BROWNSON, who died
May 9, 1803, in the 68th year of his age.

Behold my friends as you draw nigh
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.

ELIZABETH, wife of Noah Brownson, died
Dec. 8, 1836, aged 95 years, 8 mo., &
29 ds.

Here lies the body of
DEBORAH BROWNSON, Deceased November the 3d, 1739.

HANNAH, daughter of Roger & Ruth Brownsong, died July 8, 1817, aged 74 years.

HANNAH, wife of Nathaniel Brownsong, died Aug. 10, 1835, aged 54 years, 4 months, & 29 days.

In memory of
MABEL, wife of John Brownsong, who deceased Aug. 28, 1767, in the 27th year of her age.

NATHANIEL S., son of Nathaniel & Hannah Brownsong, died Jan. 23, 1837, aged 17 years & 5 months.

In memory of
NOAH BROWNSON, who died March 19, 1812, in the 73d year of his age.

In memory of
MR. ROGER BROWNSON, who died Dec. 11th, A.D. 1788, aged 87 years.

In memory of
MRS. RUTH, wife of Mr. Roger Brownsong, who died March 4th, A.D. 1788, in the 83d year of her age.

BARBARA, wife of Samuel Brownsong, died July 8, 1850, aged 60 yrs., 8 mo., & 8 ds.

In memory of
MARCY BRUNSON, Consort of Austin Brunson, who died Mar. 27, 1812, aged 39 years.

In memory of
MARY BRUNSON, who died Feb. 16, 1811, in the 78th year of her age.

THIRZA MARIA, daughter of Nathaniel & Hannah Brunson, died May 14, 1812, aged 9 months & 26 days.

Sleep on sweet babe
In this thy tomb
Thy God's seen fit
To call thee home.

In memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH BUCK, wife of Mr. James Buck, who died Jan. 9, 1793, in the 70th year of her age.

In memory of
MR. JAMES BUCK, who died Jan 28, 1793, in the 68th year of his age.

In memory of
URANA, wife of Salmon Buck, who died Dec. 9, 1836, in the 72d year of her age.

This monument is erected to the memory of

ANN, wife of Benjamin Buckingham, who died Mar. 27, 1810, in the 67th year of her age.

In memory of
MR. BENJAMIN BUCKINGHAM, who died May, 1819, aged 83 years.

MINERVA, daughter of Benjamin W. & Ann Buckingham, died June 18, 1820, aged 2 years & 2 months.

NATHAN B. BUCKINGHAM, died May 16, 1845, aged 78.

LAURA A., daughter of Amos P. & Lydia A. Buckingham, Died Mar. 4, 1859, æ. 12.

REBECCA, wife of Nathan B. Buckingham, died Aug. 20, 1847, aged 77.

DAVID BUEL, a revolutionary soldier, died Sept. 10, 1841, in the 85th year of his age.

His son
CHARLES, died Aug. 29, 1841, in the 49th year of his age.

In memory of
CHLOE, wife of David Buell, who died Oct. 14, 1838, aged 75 years.

DAVID LYMAN, son of Samuel & Martha E. Buel, who died Feb. 20, 1833, aged 7 years, 7 months, & 20 days.

Sacred to the memory of
ELVIRA BUELL, who died Dec. 27, 1857, aged 29 years.

Gone Home.
HARMON BUELL, Died May 16, 1864, Æt. 82.

ANNA, wife of Harmon Buell, Died Aug. 6, 1860. æt. 74.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Sacred to the memory of
SARAH H. BUELL, who died Dec. 7, 1869, aged 44 yrs. & 8 mo.

There is rest in Heaven.

DANIEL BULKLEY, Died Oct. 31, 1860, Æt. 76.

MARY, widow of Rev. Barzillai Bulkley, died July 21, 1866, Æ. 81.

SARAH, wife of Daniel Bulkley, Died Nov. 11, 1868, æt. 83.

In memory of
SERISSA, wife of John Bulkley, daughter of Ebenezer & Sarah Edwards, who died Dec. 18, 1797, in the 32d year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of
ANDREW E. BURR, son of Gershom & Elizabeth Burr of Fairfield, who died June 14, 1820, aged 18 years.

GEORGE BURRITT, son of Henrietta Noble, died Mar. 3, 1843, aged 3 years & 11 months.

ANNA CAMP, wife of William Camp, died Feb. 25, 1824, aged 31 years.

In memory of
ANNIS, Wife of John Camp, who died Dec. 8, 1862, Aged 91 yrs.

In memory of
MR. ENOS CAMP, who departed this life
July 1, 1791, in the 77th year of his age.

In memory of
MR. ENOS CAMP, who died Dec. 28, 1814,
in the 73d year of his age.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even
so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.
Blest is the memory of the just
And sweet their slumber in the dust
Tho' lost, long lost to mortal eye
Their glorious fame shall never die.

FANNY ANN, daughter of William &
Anna Camp, died Dec. 8, 1831, aged
15 years.

In memory of
JAMES WHEELER, son of Henry & Laura
L. Camp, who died Aug. 6, 1845, aged
5 months and 11 days.

Suffer the little children to come unto me &
forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God.

In memory of
JOHN CAMP, who died Feb. 8, 1846, aged
84 years.

CAPT. GIDEON CAMP, Died June 4, 1850,
Aged 72.

HANNAH, wife of Gideon Camp, Died
July 15, 1860, Aged 79 years.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

MARTHA, daughter of Elijah J. & Adaline
Camp, died Sept. 25, 1844, aged 13 mos.

OLIVER CAMP, died Nov. 8, 1838, aged
36 years.

In memory of
MRS. SARAH, wife of Enos Camp, Jr.,
daughter of Capt. Nathan & Sarah
Botchford, who deceased Mar. 20, 1765,
in the 25th year of her age.

WM. TREAT CAMP, died Oct. 5, 1837, æt.
35.

How blest the righteous when he dies
When sinks a weary soul to rest
How mildly beam the closing eyes
How gently heaven the expiring breast.

In memory of
Mrs. Abigail, the Wife of Samuel Can-
field, Esq., who departed this life Sept.
14, 1764, in the 64th year of her age.

In memory of
HETH CANFIELD, who died Aug. 23, 1811,
æ. 69 years. Also

ANN, his wife, died Aug. 30, 1810, æ. 67
years.

Ithamar Canfield's and Walter Booth's
Vault.

SAMUEL CANFIELD, son of Ithamar &
Betsey Canfield, born Nov. 12, 1789,
& died June 22, 1824, aged 34 years.

WALTER BOOTH, died Aug. 31, 1841,
aged 57 years.

GEORGE S. BOOTH, son of Walter & Bet-
sey Booth, died Aug. 18, 1841, aged 25
years.

ITHAMAR CANFIELD, died April 11, 1848,
aged 84 years.

BETSEY CANFIELD, wife of Ithamar Can-
field, died July 27, 1849, aged 79 years.

ELIZA CANFIELD, died Aug. 14, 1844,
aged 27 years.

In memory of
COL. SAMUEL CANFIELD, who departed
this life Aug. 17, 1799, in the 75th year
of his age. Also

ELIZABETH CANFIELD, his wife, who de-
parted this life Aug. 4, 1801, in the 69th
year of her age.

Here lies the body of
ELIZABETH CANFIELD, who departed this
life Oct. 14, 1736.

In memory of
ESTHER, Daughter of Isaac and Hannah
Canfield, who died Jan. 20, 1791, aged
18 years & 4 mos.

Under these clouds my body lies,
To cruel Death a sacrifice:
No age or sex from Death is free,
O think on Death, then think on me!

In memory of
EUNICE, daughter of Capt. Joseph &
Jerusha Canfield, died June, 1812, æt.
68.

In memory of
HETH CANFIELD, JR., who died Jan. 3,
1832, aged 46 years.

In the dark & silent tomb,
Lonesome & lone, I find a room;
My wife & children I must leave,
And take my lodging in the grave.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
ISAAC CANFIELD, who died Nov. 4, 1779,
in the 39th year of his age.

In memory of
MRS. JERUSHA CANFIELD, wife of Capt.
Joseph Canfield, who departed this life
Oct. 23, 1803, in the 88th year of her
age.

In memory of
CAPT. JOSEPH CANFIELD, who departed
this life Sept. 25, A.D. 1776, in the 66th
year of his age.

In memory of
MARY CANFIELD, consort of Philo Can-
field, who died Oct. 21, 1846, aged 83
years.

In memory of
PHILO CANFIELD, who died Mar. 11,
1827, aged 65 years.

Here lies the body of
SAMUEL CANFIELD, ESQ. He died Dec.
14, 1754, in the 53^d year of his age.

Behold and see, as you pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death & follow me.

DANIEL, son of George E. & Eliza J.
Carpenter, Died Apr. 20, 1860, æ. 4
mo. & 14 ds.

ELIZA J., wife of George E. Carpenter,
daughter of Daniel & Amanda Jacklin,
Died July 26, 1862, æ. 30.

May we meet in Heaven.

FANNY A., daughter of George E. &
Eliza J. Carpenter, died Aug. 4, 1848,
æ. 5 mo.

GEORGE H., son of George E. & Eliza J.
Carpenter, Died Dec. 12, 1861, æ. 1 mo.
& 12 ds.

HARRY CARPENTER, Died July 18, 1849,
æ. 100.

Wrapt in the shades of death,
No more that friendly face I see.
Empty, ah, empty every place
Once filled so well by thee.

HENRY L., son of George E. & Henrietta
Carpenter, Died May 30, 1875, aged 7
yrs., 2 mo., & 15 ds.

This languishing head is at rest,
Its aching and thinking is o'er;
This quiet, immovable breast
Shall be heaved by affliction no more.

TEMPERANCE CARPENTER, died Apr. 2,
1837, æ. 60.

STANLEY CARPENTER, died Apr. 3, 1838,
æ. 31.

WILLIAM CARPENTER, died Oct. 4, 1834,
æ. 29.

MARCUS CARPENTER, died Oct. 5, 1827,
æ. 22.

HELEN M., wife of James Carman, Died
Dec. 29, 1873, æ. 48.

JOHN J. CARR, Died May 7, 1872, æ. 49.

FANNY R., his wife, Died May 25, 1880,
æ. 48.

MATTHEW W. CASTLE, Died Jan. 10,
1849, Aged 68 years.

In memory of

ORANGE, Son of Simeon and Avis Castle,
who died July 24, 1834, in the 41 year
of his age.

Here lies the body of

DANIEL CARRINGTON, son of Dr. Rive-
rius Carrington, who deceased Dec. 1,
1757, in the 15 year of his age.

Here lies the body of

JOHN, son of Doctor John & Mrs. Sus-
anna Carrington. He died Nov. 18,
1757, in the 8th year of his age.

In memory of

DR. JOHN CARRINGTON, who died Sept.
3, 1771, in the 41st year of his age.

PENELOPE CARRINGTON, widow of Dr.
Reverius Carrington, died Oct. 13, 1799,
aged 78 years.

The trumpet shall sound,
And the dead shall be raised incorruptable,
And we shall be changed.

Here lies the body of

DR. REVERIUS CARRINGTON, who de-
parted this life Sept. 14, 1753, in the 37
year of his age.

In memory of

MR. SALMON CARRINGTON, son of Dr.
Reverius & Mrs. Penelope Carrington,
who died Feb. 15, 1788, in the 41st year
of his age.

In memory of

JANE CHAMBERLIN, who departed this
life Mar. 6, 1825, aged 70.

ANNA CLARK, Died Mar. 21, 1854, Æ.
72.

In memory of

ANNA, daughter of Mr. Isaac & Mrs.
Jane Clark, who deceased Oct. 27, A.D.
1798, aged 16 years.

Virtue, not rolling suns, the mind matures:
That life is long, which answers life's great ends.

In memory of

ANNIS CLARK, relict of William Clark,
who died Oct. 4, 1836, aged 83 years.

She was the last surviving child of Lieut. Daniel
Bostwick, who was the first male child born in the
Town of New Milford.

DAVID CLARK, Died Sept. 3, 1853, Æ.
75.

In memory of

GRACE, wife of Richard Clark, who died
Apr. 19, 1827, aged 76 years.

HANNAH, daughter of Mr. Isaac & Jane
Clark, who died Jan. 17, 1780, aged 2
months.

In memory of

MR. ISAAC CLARK, who departed this life
July 10, 1792, in the 46th year of his
age.

Behold thyself by me!
Such one was I as thou;
And thou in time shalt be
Even dust as I am now.

Died July 22, 1847,

LAVINIA B. CLARK, æ. 26.

Lovely & blameless in life,
Calm & peaceful in death.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

In memory of

MARCIA CLARK, daughter of Isaac &
Jane Clark, who died Jan. y^e 26, 1794,
in the 4th year of her age.

In memory of
RICHARD CLARK, who died Sept. 20, 1837, aged 88 years, 5 months, & 15 days.

To the memory of
WILLIAM CLARK, who died Sept. 10, 1800, in the 48th year of his age.

This stone is erected as a small tribute of an affection which has survived the lapse of years, and will only cease when every other sensation of the heart shall fail.

WALKER CLARK, eldest son of William & Annis Clark, died Sept. 4, 1812, at St. Mary's, in the State of Georgia, in the 37th year of his age.

Of joys departed, never to return,
 How mournful the remembrance.
 The shaft flew twice, & twice our peace was slain.

In memory of
WILLIAM CLARK, son of William & Annis Clark, who died Aug. 19, 1830, in the 51 year of his age.

In memory of
MARIA A., wife of Jabez Cogswell, who died May 22, 1850, *Æt.* 28 yrs., 6 mo., & 8 ds.

Farewell dear husband,
 Parents, children, all,
 Christ gave the summons,
 I obeyed the call.

BETSEY, wife of Ithamer Cole, Died Feb. 17, 1858, *Æ.* 59.

In memory of
BETSEY COLE, wife of Ithamer Cole, died Sept. 24, 1817, *æ.* 23 years.

The grave of
CHARLOTTE E., daughter of Carlostien & Martha Cole, who died June 18, 1842, *Æ.* 4 years.

In memory of
ELIAH F., daughter of Martin & Melissa Cole, who died Jan. 9, 1856, aged 2 yrs.

In memory of
EUNICE, wife of Jesse Cole, who died Mar. 9, 1812, in the 46th year of her age.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
HERVEY COLE, died July 22, 1812, *æ.* 1 year & 10 months.

In memory of
ICHABOD COLE, who died April 4, 1838, aged 51 years.

In memory of
ITHAMER COLE, who died Feb. 21, 1849, aged 57 years.

ITHAMER II. COLE, died Sept. 7, 1814, aged 1 year & 7 months. Children of Ichabod & Lucy Cole.

I take these lambs said he
 And lay them on my breast
 Protection they shall find in me,
 In me be ever blest.

In memory of
JESSE COLE, who departed this life Jan. 20, 1828, *æ.* 75 years.

MRS. LUCY COLE, Wife of Peter Nichols, Died Feb. 20, 1877, *Æ.* 86.

She is at rest.

In memory of
MARTIN COLE, who died Nov. 13, 1857, aged 4 years & 9 mo.

The grave of
MYRON B., son of Carlostien & Martha Cole, who died Dec. 26, 1843, *æ.* 1 year.

Even so it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish.

The grave of
SARAH M., daughter of Carlostien & Martha Cole, who died Dec. 18, 1843, *æ.* 8 years. Also

HARRIET M., who died Dec. 16, 1843, *æ.* 3 years.

Suffer little children to come unto me & forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God.

MARY A. COLES, wife of C. L. Coles, 2d daughter of John Taylor, died Oct. 27, 1842, aged 32 years.

In memory of
AMOS COLLINS, who died May 28th, 1778, in the 61st year of his Age.

NATHAN, son to Mr. Job & Prudence Collins, aged 4 months & 20 days, died Feb. 7, 1742.

Here lies the body of
MRS. PHEBE, wife of Mr. Nathan Collins. She died Nov. ye 16, 1758, in ye 53d year of her Age.

The Grave of
HESTER COMSTOCK, wife of Samuel Comstock, Born Nov. 5, 1772; Died Sept. 29, 1849, aged 76 years, 10 mo., & 24 ds.

The Grave of
SAMUEL COMSTOCK, Born Feb. 16, 1762; Died May 17, 1836, aged 74 years, 3 ms., & 8 d.

In memory of
MRS. BETSEY, wife of William Conn, who died Feb. 21, 1806, in the 24th year of her age.

In memory of
WILLIAM J. CONN, son of William & Betsey Conn, who died Sept. 29, 1810, aged 1 year, 5 months, & 7 days.

In memory of
MRS. SALLY COOK, consort of Mr. Daniel B. Cooke of Brookfield, who departed this life Mar. 24, 1793, aged 22 years and 17 days.

Could the piety which adorns, or the benevolence which endears human nature, could the tenderest friendship or the purest love disarm the King of Terrors, She had not died.

In memory of
ELIZA, daughter of Luke & Betsey Copley, who died Jan. 31, 1834, aged 26 years and 6 days.

In memory of
REBECCA, daughter of Betsey Copley, who died Jan. 16, 1835, aged 19 years, 11 months, 21 days.

In memory of
THEODA, wife of Daniel Copley, who died Sept. 8, 1741, aged 86 years, 7 months, & 14 days.

ALMIRA COYES, Died May 10, 1871, *Æ.* 21.

SAMUEL COYES, Died Mar. 21, 1853, Aged 46 yrs.

In memory of
ANNA BOSTWICK CRANK, daughter of Mr. Stephen & Hannah Crane, who died Dec. 6, 1797, in the 78th year of her age.

CHLOE AVERILL, Wife of Stephen Crane, Esq., Born Jan. 21, 1781; died Oct. 15, 1856, *Æ.* 76.

The grave of
HANNAH M., daughter of Stephen & Chloe Crane, who died April 12, 1840, aged 27 years.

Thanks to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

STEPHEN CRANE, Esq., Born Jan. 6, 1770, Died March 21, 1843, *Æ.* 74.

The grave of
STEPHEN CRANE, Esq., born Jan. 6, 1769; died Mar. 21, 1843, aged 74 years.

In God I trust, to God I fly
When low in dust my head shall lie.

In memory of
HARRISON H. CROSBY, son of Elijah & Polly Crosby, who died Dec. 20, A. D. 1821, aged 1 year & 9 months.

CURTIS.
In memory of
MRS. BARSHENNA, wife of Mr. Benjamin Curtis, who departed this life Nov. 15, 1799, in the 90th year of her age.

In memory of
DOCT. HERMON CURTISS, who departed this life Feb. 25, 1812, aged 36 years.

Vain is the studied phrase, the force of words to speak thy loss.

The grave of
CHESTER B., son of Shubael R. & Betsey Cushman, who died Nov. 9, 1840, age 23 years, 5 mo., & 14 d.

Prepare to follow me.

SHUBAEL CUSHMAN, Died Mar. 1, 1853, *Æ.* 69 yrs. & 22 ds.

In memory of the
REV. THOMAS DAVIES, A.M., a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, an active worthy missionary from the venerable Society in England, who departed this life May 12, 1766, in the 30th year of his age. He met death with the greatest Christian fortitude, being supported by the rational hope of a blessed immortality.

'The sweet remembrance of the just
Does flourish now he sleeps in dust.
Vitz bene actæ zucundissima est recordatis.

In memory of
ORINDA, wife of Royal Davis, who died May 27, 1841, aged 32 years.

In memory of
DIAMA, relict of William Doan, who died Oct. 12, 1828, aged 60 years, 7 months, & 14 days.

In memory of
REBECCA DOAN, daughter of William & Diama Doan, who died June 10, 1804, aged 3 years.

Sleep sweetly babe
In this thy tomb
God saw it just
To call thee home.

In memory of
WILLIAM DOAN, who died Feb. 13, 1812, aged 52 years.

In memory of
MR. LEMUEL DOWNS, who died Oct. 14, 1798, aged 48 years.

AFFA, wife of James Dovey, Died March 2, 1850, aged 33 years.

CAROLINE, daughter of James & Affa Dovey, died Sept. 30, 1844, aged 7 months & 16 days.

Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God.

CAROLINE S., daughter of James & Ann Dovey, Died July 14, 1860, aged 7 yrs. & 7 mo.

Oh! parents dear weep not for me
When in this yard my grave you see
My time was short and blessed is he
That called me to eternity.

JANE E., daughter of James & Ann Dovey, Died July 22, 1860, aged 1 yr. & 4 mo.

Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death came with friendly care
The opening bud to Heaven conveyed
And bid it blossom there.

In memory of
ANNE, daughter of Jonathan & Sarah Downs, who died Nov. 15, 1787, in the 21st year of her age.

Swift was her flight
And short the roud. She
Closed her eyes
And saw her God.

In memory of
ELIJAH DOWNS, who died July 23, 1841,
aged 83 years.

Also of
RUTH, Relict of Elijah Downs, who died
Feb. 9, 1855, aged 92 years.

Marble may tell posterity that
ELIJAH W. DOWNS, son of Elijah & Ruth
Downs, died Sept. 14, 1807, aged 21
years & 12 days.

Rest here my body till the great Archangel
Sounds his Trump, wakes the sleeping dead, Then
rise to Bliss immortal.

In memory of
MR. ELISHA DOWNS, who died Feb. 1,
1812, aged 51 years.

In memory of
ELISHA S. DOWNS, son of Elijah & Ruth
Downs, who died Oct. 19, 1820, in the
29th year of his age.

Lord I commit my soul to thee
Accept the sacred trust
Receive this nobler part of me
And watch my sleeping dust.

In memory of
HANNAH DOWNS, wife of Thomas Downs,
who departed this life Jan. 1, 1814, æ.
64 years.

Weep not my fond afflicted friends
Death is the angel Jesus sends
To bear the sainted soul on high
Beyond the reach of human eye
Vain sighs and unavailing tears
Death's ear is deaf to human prayers
Nor skill, nor power, nor love can save
When God commands us to the grave.

In memory of
JONATHAN DOWNS, who died July 4, 1801,
aged 78 years.

In memory of
JONATHAN F. DOWNS, son of Elijah &
Ruth Downs, who died Jan. 5, 1827,
æ. 39.

MARIETT DOWNS, daughter of Isaac &
Prudence Polly Downs, died Feb. 15,
1812, aged 9 years & 8 months.

When blooming youth is took away
By death's resistless hand
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
Which pity must demand.

In memory of
SARAH, Wife of Jonathan Downs, who
died Apr. 12, 1802, aged 78 years.

In memory of
THOMAS DOWNS, who died Jan. 31, 1812,
aged 59 years.

Behold the solemn hour is come
By heaven assigned that seals my doom
That lays this head beneath the sod
And bears my willing soul to God
For me kind friends then grieve no more
My heart's at rest, the conflict's o'er
Heaven's glories break upon my view
Adieu, dear friends, vain world adieu.

In memory of
WILLIAM DOWNS, who died July 23, 1840,
æ. 40 years.

Dear friends, who live to mourn & weep
Behold the grave wherein I sleep
Prepare for death, for you must die
And be entombed as well as I.

Died Dec. 29, 1848, CATHARINE ED-
WARDS, Æ. 23.

To perpetuate the memory of
EDWARD EDWARDS, who died Oct. 29,
1824, in the 80th year of his age; &
MARGRETT, his wife, who died June 3d,
1824, in the 82d year of her age.

In memory of
ESTHER J., wife of Wilks Edwards, who
died Feb. 13, 1844, aged 34 years.

In memory of
KATHARINE, daughter of Mr. John C. &
Mrs. Lydea Edwards, who died July 4,
1824, aged 1 year & 6 months.

Sacred to the memory of the
REV. ANDREW ELIOT, Pastor of the first
Church & Society in New Milford, &
Fellow of Yale College, born Aug. 15,
1780, died May 9, 1829, in the 49th year
of his age, & 22d of his ministry.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. SOPHIA ELIOT, wife of Rev. Andrew
Eliot. She was born June 26, 1790, &
died Nov. 17, 1822, æt. 32.

DANIEL EVERITT, Esq., died Jan. 20,
1805, in the 57th year of his age.

URANIA EVERITT, his wife, died May 23,
1823, in the 72 year of her age.

DANIEL T. EVERITT, departed this life
Jan. 17, 1819, in the 34th year of his
age.

In memory of
HENRY J. EVERITT, died Sept. 9, 1807,
æ. 3 years.

FREDERICK W. EVERITT, died Apr. 22,
1808, æ. 9 months; children of Harmon
& Betsey M. Everitt.

Sleep, gentle babes till Gabriel's trump on
Resurrection morn awake & call you to the arms
of Jesus.

This stone marks the spot where lie the
remains of

HERMON EVERITT, who departed this
life Mar. 3, 1812, in the 34 year of his
age.

This mortal shall put on immortality.

Here lies entombed
NATHANIEL S. EVERITT, who departed
this life Nov. 27, 1799, aged 3 years
wanting 10 days.

To his precious memory this monument, by his
parents Daniel Everitt & Urania his wife, is
erected.

URANIA T. EVERITT, departed this life Mar. 14, 1812, in the 25th year of her age.

In memory of
BETSEY, wife of Thomas Evitts, who died Nov. 11, 1839, aged 43 years.

In memory of
SUSAN EVITTs, daughter of Thomas & Betsey Evitts, who died April 29, 1826, aged 2 years and 7 months.

In memory of
ADDISON FAIRCHILD, who died Feb. 11, 1830, *Æ.* 35 years.

ALME FAIRCHILD, died Nov. 18, 1824, aged 32 years.

In memory of
CAROLINE FAIRCHILD, who died Mar. 30, 1844, aged 42 years.

MR. DAVID FAIRCHILD, died July 17, 1805, aged 44 years.

In memory of
MRS. DINAH FAIRCHILD, wife of Mr. Eliezer Fairchild, who died July 6, 1788, aged 63 years.

In memory of
ELEAZER FAIRCHILD, who departed this life Dec. 20, 1811, in the 88th year of his age.

In memory of
ESTHER FAIRCHILD, who died Nov. 21, 1833, aged 70 years.

To the memory of
ESTHER FARRAND, who died Dec. 9, 1831, aged 67.

This monument is erected by her sister.
O'er the pale marble nature drops a tear
While reason & religion better taught
Congratulate the dead, and crown their tomb
With wreath immortal.

In memory of
NATHAN, son of Solomon & Sibbel Fenton, who died Oct. 14, 1786, in the 14 year of his age.

The grave of
GERARDUS FERRIS, who died Jan. 19, 1846, aged 39 years, 10 months, & 17 days.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
HANNAH, daughter of Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Lydia Ferris, who died Nov. 29, 1806, in the 5th year of her age.

SAMUEL GERARDUS, son of Robert & Allis Ferris, died Apr. 17, 1846, aged 5 months.

As the sweet flower that scents the morn
But withers in the rising day
Thus lovely was this infants dawn
Thus swiftly fled his life away.

Here lies the body of
MR. EBENEZER FISK. He died Oct. 4, 1747, in the 59th year of his age.

Here lies the body of
MRS. MARY ABELL FISK, wife of Mr. Ebenezer Fisk, dec'd Feb. 11, 1737, in the 44th year of her age.

In memory of
ELKANOR, wife of Nehemiah B. Fisher, who died Apr. 2, 1842, aged 73 years.

Happy are they who die in the Lord.

The daughters of Nelson & Betsey A. Ford.

AMANDA A., died Apr. 7, 1843, aged 6 years, 4 months, & 2 days.

ELLEN A., died Apr. 9, 1843, aged 1 year, 8 months, & 9 days.

Amanda sleeps in her narrow bed
Beneath the fresh green sod
She is gone from earth's cold sorrowing things
To dwell in heaven with God
Amanda & Ellen are laid at rest
With the fresh green turf above them
We would not recall them again to earth
From the blissful realms of heaven.

MAHEL, wife of Jonathan Ford, died Jan. 11, 1844, aged 64 years.

JOHN H., died July 27, 1840, aged 8 years & 1 month.

NELSON, died July 12, 1837, aged 1 year & 6 months; sons of Charles and Minerva Franklin.

JOHN C., son of Almira Freeman, died 9, 1843, aged 8 years & 20 days.

JOHN H., son of Almira Freeman, Died May 1, 1852, *Æ.* 6 yrs.

In memory of
MR. EDMUND GARLICK, who died Mar. 6, 1812, in the 45th year of his age.

Sleep quiet here, my friend
Death can't us long divide
A few more rolling suns
Will lay me by your side.

ELIZABETH GARLICK, wife of Henry Garlick, died Feb. 19, 1741, in the 40th year of her age.

In memory of
SAMUEL GARLICK, who died Dec. 26, 1831, aged 77 years.

In memory of
MRS. SARAH GARLICK, consort of Mr. Heath Garlick, who departed this life June 19, 1797, in the 35th year of her age.

In memory of
MRS. HANNAH, wife of Mr. Nathan Gaylord, who died Aug. 14, A.D. 1757, in her 52d year.

Here lies interred the Relictus of
DEACON NATHAN GAYLORD, who de-
parted this life, Dec. ye 26th, A.D.
1769, in the 60th year of his Age.

He was a man of such Eminent piety that his
counsels gave comfort to the Dying; a father to
the orphan, Charitable to the poor, beloved by all,
at last a prey to sudden death.

And whilst his Body
Moulders back to clay
His Soul triumphs in
Everlasting day.

In memory of
MRS. HANNAH GINN, the widow of Mr.
Thomas Gibb, late of Milford, decst.,
who departed this life July 14, 1779,
aged 63 years.

In memory of
SUSAN GIDDINGS, who died June 10,
1831, aged 68 years.

In memory of
BETSEY, daughter of Thaddeus & Martha
Gilbert, who died Dec. 6, 1797, in the
4th year of her age.

MARY ANN, daughter of Thaddeus &
Huldah Gilbert, died Aug. 16, 1809,
aged 8 days.

Here lies the body of
ANNIS, daughter of Mr. Job & Mrs. Sarah
Goold. She died Feb. 28, 1853, in the
5th year of her age.

Here lies the body of
JOEL, son of Mr. Job & Mrs. Sarah Goold.
He died Mar. 22, 1751, in the 20th year
of his age.

In Memory of
MICHAEL GOULD, who died Dec. 11, 1839,
aged 49 years, 7 months, & 13 days.

Here lies the body of
WILLIAM GOULD, who departed this life
Feb. 18, 1720, in the 42d year of his
age.

In memory of
MR. DAVID GREEN, who departed this
life Aug. 7, 1803, aged 60 years.

In memory of
MARY GREEN, wife of Jairus Green, who
died April 29, 1840, aged 80 years.

The grave of
DEA. SKYMOUR B. GREEN, who died Jan.
4, 1848, aged 54.

To perpetuate the memory of
CAROLINE, daughter of Samuel J. &
Lavania Gregory, of Hancock, Mary-
land, and grand daughter of Seelye
Richmond, who died Oct. 3, 1824, aged
1 year.

In memory of
MR. Samuel Gregory, who died Feb. 3,
1800, in the 59th year of his age.

SALLY, wife of Silas Gregory, died March
20, 1862, in her 77th year.

In memory of
JAIRUS GREEN, who died April 15, 1853,
aged 86.

The grave of
RHODA W., wife of Seynour B. Green,
who died June 28, 1858, Aged 68.

In memory of
CAPT. ABEL GUNN, who died Oct. 17,
1812, aged 65 years.

In memory of
ABNER GUNN, who died August 7, 1778,
in the 60th year of his Age.

Sacred to the memory of
CAPT. ABNER GUNN, son of Mr. Abner
and Mrs. Mary Gunn; he died Mar. 12,
1812, *Æ.* 58.

In memory of
EPENETUS GUNN, who died Nov. 17,
1821, in the 64th year of his age.

Sacred to the memory of
HENRY GUNN, son of Epenetus & Sarah
B. Gunn, who died Sept. 3, 1809, aged
16 years.

Dear Spirit, 'tis not the sculptured stone
Can speak Thy worth.

In memory of
FREDERICK GUNN, who died Nov. 22,
1852, aged 65 years.

A trophy of God's redeeming love.

In memory of
MARTHA GUNN, widow of Capt. Abel
Gunn, who died Apr. 24, 1830, aged 79
years.

In memory of
MARTHA GUNN, wife of Abner Gunn,
who died Oct. 20, 1826, aged 41 years.

Memory of
MARY, consort of ABNER GUNN, is pre-
served by this monument. She died
May 21, 1795, in the 71st year of her
age.

In memory of
NATHAN, son of Mr. Abel & Mrs. Martha
Gunn. He died Mar. 11, 1781, in the
9th year of his age.

In memory of
SARAH, wife of Epenetus Gunn, who died
Oct. 23, 1848, aged 84 years.

In memory of
SUSANNA, relict of Capt. Abner Gunn,
who died April 22, 1843, aged 85 years.

BENEDICT HALL, died Apr. 14, 1847,
aged 54 years.

WILLIAM D., son of Benedict & Olive
Hall, died Mar. 10, 1841, aged 20 years.

In memory of
OLIVE, wife of Benedict Hall, who died
July 11, 1855, *Æ.* 62.

GEORGE HAMBLIN, Died Nov. 13, 1872,
æ. 77.

ELEANOR, his wife, Died Oct. 11, 1876, æ. 77.

Died July 20, 1841,

SUMNER HAMILTON, Æ. 24 years.

RICHARD HANCOCK, Died Sep. 13, 1868, æ. 54.

WILLIAM H., only son of Elias N. & Caroline Hart, Died Feb. 18, 1851, æ. 9 mo.

JOSEPH HARTWELL, born 1776, Died 1845.

RACHEL, wife of Joseph Hartwell, born 1767, Died 1837.

In memory of

MR. JOSEPH HARTWELL, who died Apr. 18, 1811, aged 83 years.

In memory of

HARMON, son of Mark T. and the widow Hannah Hatch, who departed this life Jan. 28, 1811, in the 14th year of his age.

While his child was yet alive, I fasted and wept, but now he is dead wherefore shall I fast?

In memory of

MARK T. HATCH, who died Oct. 5, 1809, in the 36th year of his age.

The grave is closed & I lie mouldering here,
Apart from those in life I held most dear,
Children & friends, a wife more dear than all,
The trump did sound & I obeyed the call.

Here lies the body of

ABIGAIL HAWLEY, wife to Matthew Hawley. She died Oct. 31, 1739, in the 28th year of her age.

In memory of

MR. ABRAHAM HAYES, son to Jacob Hayes, was born near Ilminster, in Somersetshire, in England. He departed this life Sept. 21, A. D. 1767, in the 51st year of his age.

POLLY HAYES, daughter of Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Hanna W. Hayes, died Sept. 4, 1797, aged 23 years.

MR. THOMAS HAYES, died at the parish of Broadway, near Ilminster, England, the place of his nativity, Feb. 10, 1799, aged 56. His relict,

MRS. ANNA WILMOT HAYES, daughter of Doct. Riverius Carrington, died Oct. 14, 1799, aged 54, and was buried here.

In memory of

PHILO N. HEACOCK, born Feb. 8, A. D. 1794, and died Apr. 20, 1825, aged 31.

In memory of

COLONEL, son of Mr. John & Tamar Himes, of Southbury, who was drowned May 9, 1785, æ. 21 years, wanting 10 days.

In memory of

DEACON JAMES HIMES, who died Sept. 21, A. D. 1795, Aged 96 years.

MR. SAMUEL HITCHCOCK, sen., died Dec. 9, 1827, in the 56th year of his age.

HENRY LEE, son of Seth & Sarah Higby, died Aug. 2, 1823, aged 5 years & 10 months.

In memory of

GOMER, son of Solomon & Amy Hill, who died May 11, 1819, aged 22 years, 8 months and 28 days.

O death, how sudden was thy visit paid,
One hour in death, the next a corpse was laid,
I had not time to bid adieu,
Torn from this world,
My friends no more to view.

HENRY HILL, died Mar. 3, 1812, æ. 3 years.

HULDAH HILL, died Mar. 30, 1812, æ. 1 year. Children of Ephraim & Charlotte Hill.

I take these little lambs, said he,
And lay them on my breast,
Protection they shall find in me,
In me be ever blest.

MARY HILL, daughter of Silas & Polly Hill, died Apr. 22, 1816, æ. 1 month & 21 days.

In memory of

MR. DAVID HIND, was born Jan. 1, 1707, & departed this life Feb. 1, 1751, aged 44 years.

Death the conqueror has took
My friend away,
Lies sleeping here till the last
Judgment day.

In memory of

ABEL HINE, Esq., who died May 9, 1820, in the 90th year of his age.

In memory of

ABIGAIL, wife of Abigail Hine, Esq., who died Feb. 14, 1795, aged 47 years & 7 months.

In memory of

ALFRED HINE, son of Abel & Rebecca Hine. He died April 25, 1788, in the 23d year of his age.

ALMIRA, wife of Anan Hine, died Sept. 10, 1832, aged 38 years.

Surely there is a grief, for which there is no language, & a pain of heart that is beyond tears.

ALTA HINE, wife of Isaac Hine, & daughter of James Riggs of Sherman, died Mar. 19, 1828, aged 38 years, 6 months, & 17 days.

MAJ. BEEBE HINE, Born in New Milford, Jan. 27, 1770, Died in New Haven, May 9, 1856.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants.

DANIEL HINE, Died April 14, 1864, Æ. 84.

LUCY, wife of Daniel Hine, Died May 16, 1869, Æ. 82.

CLARK HINE, born Nov. 23d, 1783, Died Mar. 30, 1842.

In memory of the
REV. DANIEL HINE, the former pastor
of the Strict Congregational Church in
in this place, who died Jan. 14, 1835, in
the 86th year of his age.

In memory of
DORCAS, wife of Daniel Hine, died Feb.
15, 1814, aged 33 years.

Erected to perpetuate the memory of
FANNY HINE, wife of Abel Hine 2d, &
only daughter of Oliver & Mary Burr;
Also her

Infant son, who departed this life Jan. 6,
1806, aged 24 days.

How loved, how valued once, avails thee not.

Sacred to the memory of
HENRY W. HINE, son of Beebe & Lois
Hine, who died Nov. 16, 1807, in the
15th year of his age; Also of

HARriet LOUISA HINE, who died Dec. 1,
1807, aged 15 months & 15 days.

Vain is thy studied phrase, the force of words,
To speak their loss.

HERBERT, died Jan. 10, 1843, aged 13
months.

MARY C., died Jan. 14, 1843, aged 3 years
& 6 months: children of Charles B. &
Mary M. Hine.

In memory of
JULIA, daughter of Daniel and Lucy Hine,
who died Aug. 3, 1827, in the 4th year
of her age.

In memory of
LOIS, wife of Beebe Hine, who died Oct.
5, 1812, aged 40.

There is rest in heaven.

In memory of
LYDIA HINE, consort to the Rev. Daniel
Hine, who died July 11, 1838, aged 96
years & 7 months.

In memory of an
Infant son of Lyman & Hannah Hine,
who died June 9, 1834.

In memory of
MRS. MARY HINE, wife of Mr. Daniel
Hine; was born May 29, 1716, & de-
parted this life Feb. 10, 1751, aged 35
years.

Death the conqueror has took
My friend away
Lies sleeping here till the last
Judgment day.

NAOMI, wife of Stephen Hine, and daugh-
ter of Phineas Peck of Woodbridge,
died Oct. 5, 1818, Aged 60 years.

We view the tomb, "we sigh, and while
We sigh, we sink; & are what we deplor'd
Lamenting or lamented,—all our lot!"

This monument is to perpetuate the
memory of
CAPT. NOBLE HINE, deceased Oct. 15,
1796, in the 53d year of his age.

In memory of
PATIENCE, wife of Capt. Noble Hine,
who died Mar. 5, 1829, aged 84 years.

In memory of
REBECCA, wife of Abel Hine, Esq., who
departed this life Apr. 22, 1786, in the
47th year of her age.

In faith she died
In dust she lies
But faith foresees,
That dust shall rise.

In memory of two daughters of Daniel &
Dorcas Hine,

ROXA, died Mar. 17, 1814, aged 6 years.

THALIA, died Aug. 19, 1814, aged 8 years.

SARAH ANN, daughter of Charles S. &
Jane Hine, died July 30, 1845, aged 8
months.

Here lie the remains of
STEPHEN HINE, born Jan. 13, 1754; Died
Feb. 27, 1833, Who through several of
the last years of his life suffered much
from bodily pains and infirmities, yet
he bore them with cheerfulness and
resignation, calmly waiting life's clos-
ing scene. For he believed:

"This truth was certain when this life is o'er
Man dies to live, & lives to die no more."

In memory of
THALIA, daughter of Abel & Rebecca
Hine. She died Oct. 3, 1776, aged 10
years.

In memory of
AARON HITCHCOCK, who died Dec. 31,
1834, aged 61 years.

The gift of God is eternal life.

In memory of
MARY HITCHCOCK, wife of Aaron Hitch-
cock, Jr., who died Sept. 15, 1817, æ. 39.

Our days are shorter than a span
A little point our life appears
How frail at best is dying man
How vain are all his hopes & fears!

In memory of
MRS. SARAH, Late wife of Capt. John
Hitchcock, who died May 10, 1754, in
her 37th year.

MARIA A. HOAG, Wife of Mark Hoag,
Died Nov. 19, 1860.

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Here lies the body of
MIRABETH, wife of Mr. Matthew Howe,
deceased. She died Dec. 28, 1755, in
the 75th year of her age.

In memory of
ALBERT, son of Jacob W. & Lucy Howland, who died Apr. 30, 1842, aged 21 years.

Kindest brother thou hast left us
We thy loss do deeply feel
But 'tis God who hath bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

In memory of
JACOB W. HOWLAND, who died Apr. 17, 1842, æ. 56 years.

CHARITY, wife of Jacob W. Howlin, died Nov. 17, 1816, *Æ.* 25 years.

MRS. MINERVA HOYT, Died August 22, 1867, Aged 79 years, And sleeps by her children.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
ELSIE, daughter of Benedict & Elsie M. Hoyt, who died June 26, 1840, aged 7 months & 3 days.

EVELINA L., daughter of Dennoin & Abby J. Hoyt, Died Mar. 8, 1859, Aged 7 yrs. & 10 mo.

In memory of
NATHAN HOYT, who died Oct. 11, 1833, aged 79 years.

In memory of
SARAH, wife of Elliott Hoyt, who died Oct. 22, 1845, aged 59 years.

SARAH B., Wife of George A. Hoyt, died April 19, 1853, *Æ.* 24.

In Heaven we meet to part no more
On Canaan's happy shore.

In memory of
SARAH, wife of Nathan Hoyt, who died Feb. 12, 1839, in the 84th year of her age.

Died, May 13, 1833, MARRIETTE, daughter of Alva & Julia Hubbell, aged 10 months & 11 days.

In memory of
HARRIET L. HULL, daughter of Samuel Hull who died Aug. 16, 1831, aged 23 years.

WILLIAM B., son of David & Adeline Humiston, died Sept. 3, 1815, aged 3 years & 2 months.

As the sweet flower that scents the morn
And withers ere tis day
Thus lovely was this infant dawn
Thus fled its life away;
Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade
Death came with friendly care
The opening bud to heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there.

HANNAH HUNGERFORD, Wife of Josiah Hungerford, & daughter of Stephen & Mary Miles, Died Sept. 12, 1805, in the 26 year of her age.

In memory of
JOSIAH HUNGERFORD, who died Dec. 24, 1852, in the 79 year of his age.

In memory of
MARY, wife of Josiah Hungerford, who died Mar. 5, 1829, in her 42d year.

ANN AYRE, wife of Hiram Paine Hunt, Daughter of Jared and Aphia Lane, Born Jan. 28, 1799; Died June 2, 1864.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

REV. ENOCH HUNTINGTON, Rector of St. John's Church From A. D. 1827 to 1848.

In memory of
CHARLOTTE T., daughter of the Rev. Enoch & Mrs. Charlotte Huntington, who died Apr. 23, 1831, aged 2 years & 2 months.

Suffer little children to come unto me, & forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

GEORGE BOARDMAN, son of the Rev. E. & Mrs. C. Huntington, died Apr. 6, 1839, aged 6 months.

In memory of
DAVID HURLBUT, who died Sept. 1, 1822, aged 24 years, 7 months, & 2 days.

Decem. 2, 1719. I. G. [Probably Isaac Gould.]

I. N. M. N.

In memory of
JERVIS, son of Capt. B. Ingersoll & Elizabeth his wife; he died Dec. 5th, 1797, æ. 6 years & 3 days.

In memory of
BRIGGS INGERSOLL, who died Sept. 30, 1830, aged 69 years.

In memory of
GEORGE INGERSOLL, who died July 5, 1826, aged 22 years.

In memory of
ELIZABETH INGERSOLL, wife of Briggs Ingersoll, who died Jan. 25, 1812, in the 44th year of her age.

In memory of
PIERRE, wife of William Jacklin, who died July 15, 1837, aged 45 years.

AMANDA, wife of Daniel Jackson, Died Apr. 14, 1866, *Æ.* 68.

I would not live alway.

DANIEL JACKSON, Died July 14, 1863, *Æ.* 68.

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

JANE JACKSON, Died Oct. 10, 1850, aged 26.

In memory of
WILLIAM JACKLIN, who died Dec. 31, 1842, aged 55 years.

In memory of
MARIA JARVIS, wife of Philander R. Jarvis, who died Nov. 29, 1838, aged 27 years.

There is rest in heaven.

In memory of
MARY A. JARVIS, who died May 4, 1844, aged 43 years.

But she has gone, forever gone.
 She sleeps beneath the sod;
 And angel hands have borne her soul
 In triumph back to God.

In memory of
AMANDA, daughter of Peter & Rebecca Jennings, who died Mar. 2, 1834, aged 29 years.

In memory of
TRUMAN JENNINGS, who died Jan. 5, 1847, in the 23d year of his age.

In memory of
CHARLES KEELER, son of Lyman and Eunice Keeler, who died May 5, 1862, aged 11 months, & 22 days.

The Grave of
EUNICE, wife of Lyman Keeler, who died July 6, 1855, aged 72 yrs.

HARRIET, daughter of Czar & Betsey Keeler, died Sept. 2, 1815, in the 4th year of her age.

The grave of
LYMAN KEELER, who died Apr. 4, 1843, aged 63 years.

In memory of
MARTHA KINNEY, wife of Orange Kinney, who died May 2, 1824, aged 49.

ALBERT, son of Eli & Fanny Knapp, who died Sept. 19, 1817, \approx 1 year, 2 months, & 13 days.

In memory of
ANN R., infant daughter of Levi S. & Eliza Knapp, who died Aug. 25, 1828, aged 10 weeks.

ROBERT KNAPP, died Jan. 20, 1866, aged 66.

His wife
JULIA A., daughter of Daniel & Amanda Jackson, Died June 9, 1880, Aged 54.

In memory of
AMOS LAMSON, who died Aug. 21, 1820, aged 51 years.

The grave of
ISAAC LAMSON, who died July 19, 1814, aged 28 years.

In the midst of life we are in death.

In memory of
ISAAC, son of Wm. & Philinda Lamson, who died April 2, 1835, Aged 17 years.

In memory of
PHILINDA, wife of William Lamson, who died Sept. 25, 1845, aged 60 years.

In memory of
WILLIAM LAMSON, who died Jan. 2, 1859, aged 76 yrs., 1 mo., & 3 ds.

In memory of
MRS. APHIA LANE, relict of the late Jared Lane, Esq. She died on the 23d of Dec., 1818, in the 64th year of her age.

CHARLES RUGGLES LANE, Born June 19, 1830; Died March 16, 1854.

In memory of
JARED LANE, Esq., who died on the 3d of Aug., 1818, in the 74th year of his age.

PAMELIA, wife of William J. Lane, And daughter of Thad^s & Sarah Hubbell of Bridgeport, Born Sept. 22, 1798; Died Dec. 5, 1865.

WILLIAM J. LANE, Born October 13, 1789; Died May 8, 1867.

In memory of
GRACE, wife of Daniel Lathrop, died Feb. 14, 1820, \approx 51 years.

Sacred to the memory of
JOHNSON E., son of Abraham W. & Catharine Leach, who died June 19, 1830, \approx 10 years and 5 months.

CHLOE, wife of Abner G. Lewis, Died April 13, 1870, Aged 69.

Memory of
DANIEL LINES, who died June 24, 1837, aged 71 years.

HANNAH, wife of Daniel Lines, died Aug. 8, 1858, in her 87th year.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Memory of
JOSEPH LINES is preserved by this monument. He died July 29, 1792, in the 60th year of his age.

In memory of
PIERRE, wife of Joseph Lines, who died who died Aug. 23, 1823, aged 85 years.

In memory of
PIERRE, wife of Philo Lines, daughter of John Marchant, who died Aug. 20, 1797, in the 18th year of her of Age.

RICHARD D. LINES, died Jan. 5, 1845, aged 35 years, 9 m., and 10 days.

In memory of
ASHER LOCKWOOD, who died July 28, 1851, in the 62 year of his age.

ELIZA LOCKWOOD, wife of H. F. Lockwood, and daughter of Eli Starr, Esq., died Feb. 11, 1833, aged 34 years.

HORACE F., son of Samuel and Sarah J. Lockwood, who died Dec. 9, 1830, aged 43 years.

In memory of
JOSIAH LOCKWOOD, who died Oct. 8, 1828, aged 62 years, 4 months, & 20 days.

MARCUS LOCKWOOD, died Oct. 18, 1843, in the 57th year of his age.

In memory of
MOLLY LOCKWOOD, Consort of Josiah Lockwood, who departed this life Nov. 14, A.D. 1807, aged 42 years & 7 months.

In memory of
RUTH, consort of Isaac Lockwood of Norwalk, who died Aug. 11, 1828, aged 91 years.

SAMUEL LOCKWOOD, died Oct. 9, 1837, Aged 68.

His wife
SARAH J. CANFIELD, died May 4, 1848, Aged 74.

SAMUEL A. LOCKWOOD, Died Jan. 17, 1835, Aged 35.

HORACE F. LOCKWOOD, Died Dec. 9, 1830, Aged 48.

SARAH M. LOCKWOOD, Wife of Geo. W. Gill, Died in West Haven, Ct., March 27, 1874, Aged 68; buried at Philadelphia, Pa.

In memory of
SAMUEL ADDISON, son of Samuel & Sarah J. Lockwood, who died Jan. 16, 1835, aged 34 years.

STANLEY RICHMOND, only son of Marcus & Marcy Lockwood, died Jan. 21, 1843, aged 6 years & 5 months.

NOAH LOVERIDGE, Died Aug. 27, 1831, \AA . 67.

SALLY, wife of Noah Loveridge, Died Oct. 10, 1849, \AA . 81.

Memory of
CARR BOOTH, son of Chauncey & Amelia Lowrey, died Oct. 7, 1808.

DOCT. CHAUNCEY LOWREY, Departed this life May 29, 1803, in the 43d year of his age. To his memory this monument is erected.

In memory of
ANN MARY LUM, wife of Lucius Lum, who died Aug. 1, 1848, aged 32 years.

When those we love are from us torn,
 'Tis meet that kindred hearts should mourn;
 Nor can we fail that tear to shed
 O'er her who slumbers with the dead.

In memory of
BETSEY T., daughter of John & Polly Mallett, who died Jan. 21, 1844, \AA . 24.

With flowing tears we say farewell,
 For thou to us wast dear;
 But Jesus has done all things well.
 Let this our spirits cheer.

In memory of
FENN MALLETT, who died May 26, 1851, aged 40 yrs., 4 mos., & 6 ds.

In memory of
JOHN MALLETT, who died June 27, 1852, aged 69 yrs., 6 mo., & 27 ds.

In memory of
POLLY, wife of John Mallett, who died Sept. 24, 1850, aged 67 years.

We would not murmur though we mourn,
 God gave, and takes away;
 Our comfort fled shall yet return
 At the return of day.

ARTHUR H., son of Hiram and Paulina C. Manville, died March 5, 1860, \AA . 3 yrs., 3 mo., and 3 ds.

PAULINA COLK, wife of Hiram Manville, died Jan. 10, 1864, \AA . 37.

Her trust was in God.

ABIGAIL MARSH, widow of the Hon. Amos Marsh of Vergennes, Vt., died Oct. 11, 1844, aged 73.

In memory of
HANNAH, wife of Liverius C. Marsh, who died Aug. 22, 1824, aged 17 years & 5 months.

JOHN, son of John B. & Laura Marsh, died Jan. 5, 1836, aged 2 years & 7 months.

JOHN, son of Elihu & Urana Marsh, died Sept. 10, 1831, aged 18 years, 2 months, & 20 days.

In memory of
SALLY, wife of Wanzer Marsh, who died Dec. 3, 1821, \AA . 42 years.

WAGNER MARSH, Died Feb. 24, 1845, \AA . 66.

SARAH, His wife, Died Dec. 3, 1821, \AA . 42.

URAMIA, His wife, Died Dec. 16, 1873, \AA . 83.

In memory of
HANNAH, wife of Nichols S. Masters, Eldest daughter of Col. Josiah & Sarah Starr, who departed this life Dec. 1, 1781, in the 21st year of her age.

But lived to give an infant birth,
 Then left the world, now sleeps in death.

NICHOLAS SHELTON MASTERS, ESQ., departed this life Sept. 12, 1796, in the 38th year of his age.

To his memory this monumental stone is erected.

In memory of
TAMER, relict of Nicholas S. Masters, Esq., & youngest daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, who died Dec. 11, 1842, in the 84th year of her age.

WILLIAM STARR MASTERS, departed this life Feb. 9, 1804, in the 23^d year of his age.

SUSAN MASTERS, Wife of Dea. Judson Blackman, Born July 16, 1793, entered into rest Apr. 13, 1849.

There remaineth a rest to the people of God.

In memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH MCEUEN, wife of George McEuen, died Dec. 16, 1792, in the 88th year of her age.

In memory of
ESTHER, wife of John McEuen, who died Sept. 5, 1844, in the 80th year of her age.

In memory of
MR. GEORGE MCEUEN, who died Jan. 18, 1786, in the 84th year of his age.

In memory of
JOHN MCEUEN, who died Nov. 3, 1818, in the 57th year of his age.

In memory of
MARY ANN, daughter of William M. & Polly McEuen, who died Apr. 6, 1842, aged 21 years & 11 months.

What I say unto you,
I say unto all, Watch.

In memory of
MIRIAM, wife of William McEuen, who died Feb. 17, 1839, in the 83^d year of her age.

In memory of
WILLIAM MCEUEN, who died Jan. 28, 1844, in the 58th year of his age.

In memory of
ABEL SILAS, son of George & Laura McMahon, who died May 17, 1844, aged 2 years, 3 mos., & 7 ds.

In a moment he fled
He ran to the cistern, & raised the lid
His father looked in, then did behold
His child lay dead & cold.

In memory of
DEACON DOBSON W. MCMAHON, born Nov. 28, 1781, & died May 25, 1823, æ. 41 years.

FANNY MCMAHON, Born Oct. 10, 1790, Died May 20, 1866, Aged 75 years.

In memory of
HARRIET, wife of James McMahon, who died Apr. 1, 1815, in the 28th year of her age.

HENRY C. MCMAHON, son of Dobson & Minerva McMahon, died Feb. 10, 1837, in the 27th year of his age.

In memory of
JAMES MCMAHON, who died Feb. 12, 1849, aged 73 years.

JOSEPH NEWELL, son of Maj. John and Lois C. McMahon, Died July 21, 1861, Æt. 47.

JULIA MCMAHON, died Nov. 3, 1833, aged 19 years & 3 months.

Sacred to the memory of
LOIS MCMAHON, wife of John McMahon & daughter of Joseph & Gratia Merwin, who exchanged this life for immortality Nov. 3, 1816, aged 22 years.

Life how short,
Eternity how long.

Sacred to the endeared memory of
THALIA MCMAHON, wife of Dobson W. McMahon and daughter of Noble & Patience Hine, who died July 18, 1807, in the 26th year of her age.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
BETSEY, daughter of Capt. John & Ruth Merwin, who died Jan. 26, 1824, in her 41st year.

In memory of
CARRY, daughter of Capt. John Merwin & Mercy his wife, who departed this life Mar. 12, 1785, in the 17th year of her age.

In memory of
DAVID MERWIN, who died Apr. 25, 1826, æ. 79 years, 6 months, & 3 days.

In memory of
MR. DAVID MERWIN, who departed this life Apr. 19, 1792, in the 78th year of his age.

In memory of
ELIZABETH M. MERWIN, who died Mar. 25, 1817, in the 27th year of her age.

Lord, I commit my soul to thee;
Accept the sacred trust;
Receive this nobler part of me,
And watch my sleeping dust.

In memory of
GRATIA MERWIN, wife of Deacon Joseph Merwin, who died Oct. 5, 1839, in the 71st year of her age.

In memory of
HOMER MERWIN, son of Capt. John & Ruth Merwin, who departed this life June 13, 1816, in the 24th year of his age.

JOHN W. MERWIN, son of Capt. John & Mercy Merwin, died in North Carolina, Feb. 23, 1811, aged 40 years.

In memory of
DEACON JOHN MERWIN, who died May 21, 1826, in the 83^d year of his age.

DEACON JOSEPH MERWIN, Died Aug. 22, 1850, Aged 82.

LYDIA S., wife of Orange Merwin, Born Aug. 3, 1783, Died Oct. 4, 1853.

In memory of
JOSEPH MERWIN, who died Aug. 16, 1812, æ. 73 years.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. MARTHA MERWIN, wife of Mr. Stephen Merwin, who died Apr. 16, 1812, Æt. 60.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

In memory of
MRS. MARY, consort of Mr. David Merwin, who departed this life Sept. 30, 1794, in the 73^d year of her age.

In memory of
MRS. MARY MERWIN, wife of David Merwin, who died Jan. 25, 1812, aged 44 years.

In memory of
MERCY, wife of Capt. John Merwin, who departed this life Nov. 7, 1776, in the 28th year of his age.

In memory of
NATHAN S. MERWIN, son of Joseph & Gratia Merwin, who exchanged this life for immortality Dec. 13, 1804, aged 4 years.

In calm repose
 His body lies;
 When Christ appears
 His dust shall rise.

ORANGE MERWIN, Born April 7, 1777, Died sept. 4, 1853.

PATTY M., wife of Samuel T. Merwin, died Dec. 8, 1847, aged 44 years, 7 months, & 3 days.

In memory of
RUTH, wife of Capt. John Merwin, who died Mar. 14, 1816, aged 70 years.

In memory of
SALLY, wife of Samuel T. Merwin, who died Jan. 14, 1825, æ. 28.

So Jesus slept, God's dying son
 Passed through the grave & blest the bed,
 The morning break and peirce the shade.

SAMUEL T. MERWIN, died May 14, 1845, aged 53 years, 7 mos., & 1 day.

In memory of
SARAH MERWIN, daughter of David & Tamesin Merwin, who died Dec. 10, 1818, æt. 45 years.

Sacred to the memory of
MR. STEPHEN MERWIN, who died Aug. 10, 1815, aged 64 years.

Oft as the bell with solemn toll
 Speaks the departure of a soul,
 Let each one ask himself, Am I
 Prepared, should I be called, to die?

In memory of
TAMESIN, wife of David Merwin, who died May 28, 1838, æ. 85 years, 10 mo., & 11 days.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. TRYPHENA MERWIN, Wife of Mr. Orange Merwin and daughter of Mr. Asa Warner. She died May 13, 1806, aged 27 years, 11 months, & 25 days.

Vain is the studied phrase, the force of words,
 To speak thy loss! To paint thy placid mind,
 When Death's dread summons called thee from
 being
 Into life eternal.

In memory of
ANIGAIL, wife of Elijah Miles, who died Sept. 18, 1824, aged 40 years & 4 months.

In memory of
HANNAH, wife of Justus Miles, who departed this life Dec. 11, 1796, aged 83 years.

In memory of
CAPT. JUSTUS MILES, who died Apr. 17, 1842, aged 51 yrs.

In memory of
JUSTUS MILES, who departed this life Apr. 2, 1795, aged 83 years.

In memory of
MARIA E. MILES, wife of Justus Miles, who died Dec. 14, 1826, in the 26th year of her age.

Memory of
MARY, consort of Stephen Miles, Daughter of Abner & Mary Gunn, is Preserved by this monument. She died May 18, 1782, aged 35 years.

Memory of
MOLLY, consort of Samuel Miles, daughter of Daniel & Margery Picket, is preserved by this monument. She died June 17, 1774, aged 31 years.

In memory of
PIERRE, wife of Stephen Miles, who died Feb. 4, 1827, in the 63^d year of her age.

In memory of
STEPHEN MILES, who died Jan. 31, 1825, aged 77 years, 10 months, & 27 days.

In memory of
MR. GEORGE MILLIGAN, a native of Scotland, who died July 29, 1796, aged 38 years.

What ill you've seen in me take care to shun,
 And look at home; enough there's to be done.

FREDERICK LOCKWOOD, son of Gilbert S. and Lousia J. Miner, Born Feb. 25, 1848; died Aug. 21, 1848.

LOUISA J., wife of Gilbert S. Miner, Born July 10, 1823, died March, 1848.

Implora Pace.

LUTHER MOORE, died Dec. 15, 1845, aged 74 years.

In memory of
SALLY M., daughter of Ammon B. & Polly Morehouse, who died Mar. 5, 1825, æ. 7 weeks.

Christ once his blessing gave,
 And e'er will show
 To this fond age
 That is pure from sin & wo.

In memory of
MRS. ALICE MORGAN, the wife of Mr. James Morgan, who died June, 26, 1798, in the 22^d year of her age.

Within the cold and silent tomb,
 Lone & dark I find a room,
 My husband & my child I leave,
 And take my lodging in the grave.

In memory of
DANIEL, son of James & Jerusha Morgan,
deceased, on the 19th of Nov., 1794, in
the 26th year of his age.

He that lies here died in the bloom of life,
Leaving his friends, two children & a wife,
But very soon we all must be,
Laid in the grave as well as he.

In memory of
ESTHER, daughter of James & Jerusha
Morgan, deceased, July 31, 1793, in the
21st year of her age.

When this you see
Prepare to follow me.

In memory of
JAMES MORGAN, who died March 28,
1816, aged 70 years.

JAMES MORGAN, JR., died Mar. 22, 1847,
aged 70 years.

In memory of
JERUSHA MORGAN, widow of James
Morgan, who died Apr. 26, 1826, in the
80th year of her age.

In memory of
LAUREY, daughter of James & Jerusha
Morgan, deceased on the 5th day of
Oct., 1793, in the — year of her age.

In memory of
LYMAN, son of James & Jerusha Morgan,
who died June 2, 1780, in the 12th year
of his age.

ABRAHAM J. MORISON, Died Sept. 1,
1869, æ. 59.

EMELINA C., his wife, Died —
Be ye also ready.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT LEV, son of Abraham
J. & Emelina C. Morison, was wounded
at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., Oct.
27, 1864; Died at Hampton Hospital,
Nov. 12, 1864, æ. 21.

He went his country to save,
And liberty to gain.

THEODORE L., died Mar. 12, 1844, æ. 7
years & 4 months; also

ABRAHAM J., died Mar. 4, 1844, æ. 5
years & 3 months, sons of Abraham J.
& Emeline C. Morrison.

ANN ELIZA, died May 3, 1845, æ. 9
years and 10 months;

EMELINE M., died Aug. 1, 1845, æ. 3
years & 11 months, daughters of Abra-
ham J. & Emeline C. Morrison.

FATHER, Augustine Mygatt, Died May,
1827, Æ. 55.

In memory of
BEN. STARR MYGATT, who died Feb. 6,
1794, in the 48th year of his age.

CLARISSA, wife of Noadiah Mygatt, died
July 25, 1845, in her 87th year.

The grave of
HARRIET H. MYGATT, who died May 1,
1848, æ. 5 years & 27 days.

Sleep, darling Harriet, sleep,
Blest that thou canst know
The pangs that rend thy parent's hearts
The keenness of their woe.

In memory of
HORACE MYGATT, who died Sept. 25,
1861, aged 67.

JOHN E. MYGATT, died Mar. 20, 1841,
aged 24 years.

In memory of
JONATHAN MYGATT, who died Sept 18,
1822, aged 61.

NOADIAH MYGATT, died Dec. 17, 1844,
in his 85th year.

In memory of
PRUDENCE MYGATT, who departed this
life Jan. 15, 1840, aged 78 years.

In memory of
REBECCA, daughter of Ben. & Tryphena
Mygatt, died of the small-pox Mar. 15,
1778, aged 12 weeks.

WILLIAM MYGATT, Died Sept. 5, 1861,
Æ. 62.

His trust was in God.

In memory of
CATO NICHOLS, who died July 31, 1847,
aged 43 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

PETER NICHOLS, Died April 14, 1860, Æ.
84.

We mourn for him, but not as those without hope.

In memory of
ANGUS NICKELSON, who was born Apr.
27, 1735, in the Island of Isla, Shire of
Argyle, Scotland, came to New Milford
Nov., 1765, and died Mar. 26, 1804, in
the 69th year of his age.

In memory of
ANNE, daughter of Angus & Sarah Nick-
elson, departed this life Nov. 17, 1769,
in the 2d year of her age.

In memory of
JOHN, son of Angus & Abigail A. Nickel-
son, who died Nov. 18, 1818, aged 11
months & 14 days.

In memory of
MARY, daughter of Angus & Sarah Nick-
elson, departed this life Nov. 24, 1781,
in the 3d year of her age.

1784, TIE, BUR^d GR^d, A. NICKEL-
SON.

In memory of
SARAH NICHOLSON, widow of Angus
Nickelson, who died Mar. 3, 1820, æ.
60 years, 4 months.

In memory of
HORACE M. NICKERSON, son of William
& Jane Nickerson, who died Feb. 22,
1817, æ. 3 weeks.

In memory of
WILLIAM NICKERSON, who died Nov. 10,
1837, aged 65 years.

In memory of
AMELIA, wife of Ezra Noble, Esq., who
died Mar. 25, 1842, aged 59 years.

Weep not for me, Amelia said,
Weep not for me, not for the dead,
But for yourselves and all around
That you may all in Christ be found.

CHARLOTTE NOBLE, Born Feb. 20, 1789,
died July 25, 1844.

Sacred to the memory of
DAVID NOBLE, who died Jan. 29, 1813,
aged 53 years.

DAVID D. NOBLE, Born Aug. 25, 1807,
Died Dec. 5, 1852.

In memory of
EUNICE NOBLE, wife of Ezra D. Noble,
& daughter of Nathaniel Bostwick,
Esq., who died Feb. 24, 1804, in the
60th year of her age.

In memory of
EZRA D. NOBLE, who died Mar. 26, 1808,
in the 60th year of his age.

FRANCIS D., son David D. & Abby M.
Noble, Born Jan. 24, 1840, died Jan. 21,
1843.

In memory of
MRS. FREELove NOBLE, wife of Lt. Za-
dock Noble, who departed this life May
6, 1791, aged 63 years.

ICHABOD NOBLE, Died Feb. 27, 1853,
aged 80 yrs.

In memory of
JERUSHA, wife of David Noble, who died
May 7, 1829, the 66th year of her age.

In memory of
JERUSHA NOBLE, who departed this life
Aug. 28, 1790, aged 85 years; the first
wife of Capt. Theophilus Baldwin, & 2d
of Nathaniel Bostwick, Esq., & last of
David Noble.

In youth she sought the Lord
In age proclaimed his grace
And saw the blessings of her God
Distilling on her race.

LUCINDA, wife of Ichabod Noble, Died
June 23, 1850, aged 74 years.

MEHATABLE, daughter of Mr. Stephen &
Mrs. Sarah Noble, who died Aug. 7,
1752.

In memory of
REBECCA NOBLE, daughter of David &
Jerusha Noble, who died Dec. 6, 1824,
Æ. 23 years.

In memory of
MRS. SUSANNAH, wife of Mr. David
Noble. She died Apr. 9, 1750, in the
61st year of her age.

In memory of
WAKEFIELD NOBLE, who died Mar. 7,
1826, aged 60 years.

In memory of
WM. D., son of Philo & Ann Noble, who
died Aug. 28, 1826, aged 7 months.

In memory of
LT. ZADOCK NOBLE, who departed this
life Jan. 13, 1786, aged 63 years.

[In the neighborhood of the grave of
Daniel T. Everitt lies the body of —
NODINE. He was born in 1699, and
died in 1801, aged 102.]

ABBEY S. NORTHPROP, daughter of Cyrus
& Betsey Northrop, died July 2, 1818,
aged 18 years.

Fast flow ye genial drops
Gush forth ye tender sighs
And who dear shade can tell—but—
While thus I mournful pause, & weep for thee
Shortly a Sigh may heave, a tear be shed, for me.

In memory of
ABNER NORTHPROP, who died July 19,
1847, in the 65th year of his age.

ADDISON W., Died Sept. 8, 1850, Æ. 10 ds.

WILLIAM C., Died Feb. 22, 1852, Æ. 6
mo. Children of Flavius & Almira E.
Northrop.

In memory of
AMANDA, wife of Solomon Northrop, who
died Apr. 13, 1860, Æ. 74 yrs.

In memory of
AMOS NORTHPROP, who died Feb. 21,
1834, aged 61 years.

In memory of
MR. AMOS NORTHPROP, JR. He was hon-
ored with a degree of Master of Arts
by the Rev. Corporation of Yale Col-
lege, A. D., 1765, and departed this life
Mar. 19, 1779, in the 37th year of his
age.

BETSEY NORTHPROP, wife of Cyrus North-
rop, died May 19th, 1833, aged 56 years.

In memory of
BETSEY, daughter of David & Rachel
Northrop, who died Mar. 31, 1782, in
the 10th year of her age.

In memory of
CLARRY, daughter of Cyrus & Betsey
Northrop, who died Sept. 6, 1808, aged
2 years & 10 months.

Sacred to the memory of
CLARRY E. NORTHPROP, daughter of Cy-
rus & Betsey Northrop, who departed
this life Feb. 1, 1815, aged 5 years.

This is to perpetuate the name of
DAVID NORTHROP, son of David &
 Rachel Northrop, who died on board
 the ship Sally, on his passage from the
 East Indies to his native land, May 13,
 1803, aged 25 years & 5 days.

ELIZA, daughter of Solomon & Amanda
 Northrop, died Jan. 15, 1829, aged 1
 year & 22 days.

The cup of life unto her lips she pressed
 Found the taste bitter, & declined the rest
 Then softly turning from the face of day
 She gently breathed her little life away.

In memory of
EUNICK NORTHROP, wife of Joel North-
 rop, died May 1, 1811, aged 66 years.

Died, Apr. 28, 1834,
FREDERICK, son of Lord W. & Cornelia
 Northrop, aged 1 month.

Happy soul thy days are ended
 All thy mourning days below
 Go by angel guards attended
 To the sight of Jesus go.

FREDERICK, son of Lord W. & Cornelia
 Northrop, Died Nov. 21, 1851, *Æ.* 16
 yrs. & 1 mo.

In memory of
FRIEND G. NORTHROP, who died Oct. 8,
 1832, aged 62 years, 9 months, & 6 days.
 Also of

MABEL NORTHROP, wife of Friend G.
 Northrop, who died Sept. 24, 1832,
 aged 62 years & 11 months.

Infant son of Grant & Rebecca A. North-
 rop, died Jan. 22, 1848, aged 36 hours.

Infant son of Grant & Rebecca A. North-
 rop, died Nov. 4, 1846, aged 3 days.

JANE NORTHROP, daughter of Cyrus &
 Betsey Northrop, died Jan. 15, 1829,
 aged 17 years, 1 mo., & 20 days.

Ye young and gay, though thoughtless pass me by
 Come view my tomb, & learn to die.

In memory of
MR. JOEL NORTHROP, who departed this
 life March 10th, 1824, aged 82 years.

In memory of
MRS. LOIS, wife of Mr. Solomon North-
 rop, who died Nov. 14, 1807, aged 69
 years.

In memory of
OLIVER NORTHROP, who died Sept. 7,
 1838, *Æ.* 35 yrs. & 9 mo.

In memory of
ORVILL NORTHROP, who died Sept. 7,
 1838, *Æ.* 35 yrs. & 9 mo.

In memory of
POLLY, daughter of Solomon & Lois
 Northrop, who deceased Feb. 23, 1777,
 aged 11 years.

In memory of
SOLOMON NORTHROP, who died June 4,
 1853, Aged 73 years.

In memory of
SOLOMON NORTHROP, who died Mar. 4,
 1812, in the 68th year of his age.

In memory of
URANIA, daughter of Mr. Amos Northrop,
 Jr., & Anna, his wife, who died Apr. 14,
 1788, in the 10th year of her age.

Died, Feb. 3, 1845,
HENRY, twin to Harriet, & son of Lord
 W. & Cornelia Northrop, aged 1 year.

Happy infant early blessed
 Rest in peaceful slumbers, rest
 Early rescued from the cares
 Which increase with growing years.

In memory of
SALLY ODELL, wife of William Odell,
 who died Mar. 12, 1832, aged 72 years.
 She lived in the married state 53 years.

Death is a debt by nature due
 This I have paid and so must you.

LOTTIE, daughter of Frederick B. & Mary
 A. Ovet, died June 6, 1873, *Æ.* 3 mo.

A flower lent but not given
 To bud on earth, bloom in Heaven.

SAMUEL OVIATT, JR., Died Nov. 18, 1848,
 Aged 48.

In memory of
MRS. RUTH PATTERSON, wife of Mr.
 Charles Patterson, who died June 6,
 1821, aged 42 years.

In memory of
ANDREW PECK, who died Aug. 25, 1825,
 aged 54 years.

In memory of
BENNETT PECK, who died Apr. 22, 1848,
 aged 53 years.

In memory of
HENRIETTA, wife of Walter B. Peck, who
 died Oct. 21, 1847, aged 27 years.

HENRIETTA, daughter of Walter B. &
 Henrietta Peck, died April 24, 1847,
 aged 4 months.

Sweet little human blossom, cropt
 Even in thy bud of bloom
 How bright will be the opening
 Beyond the hiding tomb.

In memory of
JAMES M. PECK, who died Aug. 26, 1838,
 aged 37 years.

Farewell dear family I must go
 And leave you in this sinful world below
 May you all the cause of Christ sustain
 That we may meet in heaven again.
 Dear friends to you as you pass by
 If on this you chance to cast your eye,
 Lay down your sins without delay,
 And seek the love of Christ to-day.

—Composed by the deceased.

In memory of
JOSEPH PECK, who departed this life
Dec. 27, 1837, aged 77 years.

In memory of
LORANIA, wife of Joseph Peck, who died
Sept. 14, 1817, aged 47 years.

LUCINDA, wife of Andrew Peck, died
Sept. 15, 1848, aged 73 years.

ANDREW, son of Eli & Sally Peet, died
Jan. 7, 1848, aged 13 years.

ANNA PEET, wife of Nathan Peet, died
April 24, 1852, *Æt.* 71.

NATHAN PEET, died Sept. 13, 1857, *Æt.* 74.

In memory of
SALLY M., wife of Eli S. Peet, daughter
of John & Polly Mallett, who died Feb.
4, 1842, aged 29 years.

In the midst of life we are in death.

In memory of
SALLY G. PEET, wife of Asahill Peet,
who died Dec. 28, 1822, aged 11 years.

Mourn not for me,
But mourn for yourselves and your children.

NATHANIEL PERRY, Esq., Born Jan. 7,
1795, Died Nov. 10, 1846.

JAMES ARTHUR, son of Isaac O. & Mary
Pettit, was born May 27, and died Oct.
6, 1842, aged 4 mo., and 9 days.

ANNA O. PHELPS, died June 1, 1822, aged
22 years, wife of Joseph R. Phelps.

JARVIS PHILLIPS, Died Feb. 5, 1881,
Aged 79.

In memory of
JERUEL PHILLIPS, who died Dec. 16,
1829, aged 70 years.

In memory of
CHARLES H., son of Drake H. and Pauline
Phillips, who died Sept. 13, 1841,
aged 10 mo.

Died, June 8, 1837,
NANCY, wife of James Phillips, aged 37
years. Also, two children of hers, one
aged 4 years & 9 months, and the other,
1 year & 8 months.

In memory of
PAULINE, wife of Drake H. Phillips, &
daughter of Daniel M. & Phebe Fairchild,
who died Dec. 26, 1840, aged 29
years, 4 mo., & 26 days.

SAPHRONIA, wife of Henry Phillips, Died
Mar. 19, 1861, *Æt.* 19 yrs. & 15 ds.

CLARK PICKETT, Died July 23, 1843, *æ.*
49.

In memory of
SAMUEL PHILLIPS, who died Nov. 1,
1815, *æ.* 70 years.

ANON, son of Peter and Betsey Pickett,
who died Mar. 29, 1819, in the 3d year
of his age.

In memory of
BENJAMIN, son of Peter and Betsey
Pickett; he died Mar. 4, 1815, aged 8
months.

ANNA ELIZA, daughter of Asa D. and
Louisa J. Pickett, Born Sept. 23, 1843,
died Aug. 30, 1848.

CLARK PICKETT, died July 23, 1843, *æ.*
49 years.

EVA, daughter of John E. & Cloe Piercy,
died Oct. 1, 1858, *æ.* 2 yrs. & 9 mo.

Fold her pale hands o'er her pure little breast,
I weep not at parting, my darling's at rest;
Kiss her brow softly, and bid her farewell,
Her home is in Heaven with Jesus to dwell.

JOHN R., son of Chloe Piercy, died July
1, 1851, *æ.* 11 yrs.

Thus fades the opening bud of time
Which death's cold hand has riven;
The silver cord of life is broken,
The spirit's fled to heaven.

CAROLINE K., daughter of Charles &
Harriet Pine, Died July 12, 1850, *æ.* 11
yrs. & 10 ds. Also,

WILLIAM, son of William & Harriet
Johnson, died Sept. 20, 1849, *æ.* 11 mos.

ANNA PLATT, wife of Gideon Platt, died
Feb. 12, 1849, in the 82d year of her
age.

In memory of
BENJAMIN PLATT, JR., son of Benjamin
and Adah Platt, who died Mar. 3d,
1812, aged 20 years & 9 months.

In memory of
MR. EPINETUS PLATT, who died June 3,
1815, aged 76 years.

While marble monuments decay,
And earthly temples turn to dust;
The righteous live an endless day—
Blest be the memory of the just.

MR. GIDEON PLATT, died Aug. 9, 1814,
in the 51 year of his age.

In memory of
GIDEON W. PLATT, who died Jan. 24,
1819.

Sacred to the memory of
MR. JOSEPH M. PLATT, son of Gideon
and Anna Platt. He died June 18,
1808, aged 20 years & 9 months.

My Parents and my Brother leave,
And take my lodging in the grave.

SAMUEL PLATT, the first of this town,
and one of its original proprietors, de-
parted this life the 22d of July, 1783,
in the 61st year of his age.

An honest man, he feared God, and hated wick-
edness.

In memory of
SUSANNAH, wife of Epenetus Platt, who
died Aug. 7, 1825, aged 83 years.

To God I fly, When low in dust
In God I'll trust, My head shall lie.

GEORGE, son of Horace & Harriet Potter, died Jan. 17, 1845, aged 6 years.

AN INFANT, died Nov. 3, 1819, Aged 6 mos.

MARVETTA, died Nov. 18, 1849, aged 2 yrs. & 6 mos. Children of Israel & Susan E. Potter.

SUSAN E., wife of Israel Potter, died Oct. 5, 1849, aged 40 years.

Sacred to the memory of
ASA PRIME, who died Apr. 6, 1817, in the 64th year of his age.

Sweet soul, we leave thee to thy rest,
Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God,
Till we from Ban of day releas'd
Spring out and clime the shining Road.

Sacred to the memory of
PIERE PRIME, consort of Asa Prime, who departed this life Feb. 19, 1815, in the 62d year of her age, of a cancer on the breast.

Farewell, bright soul, a short farewell,
Till we shall meet again above
In the sweet groves where pleasures dwell,
And trees of life bear fruits of love.

Here lies the body of
MR. WILLIAM PRIME. He died Dec. 1, 1757, in the 44th year of his age.

In memory of
DOCT. CHARLES A. RANDALL, who was born Apr. 18, 1798, and died Mar. 2, 1826, æ. 27 years, 10 months, & 14 ds.

FANNY A., wife of Jonathan Read, died June 24, 1843, æ. 55 years.

In memory of
FRIEND B. READ, son of Jacob & Mary Read, who died Aug. 25, 1808, in the 20th year of his age.

GEORGE B., son of Jonathan & Fanny A. Read, died Feb. 26, 1834, æ. 24 years.

GEORGE E., son of Edward & Phebe Reed, Died April 26, 1870, æ 1 year & 8 mos.

Sleep on, sweet babe,
And take thy rest;
God called thee home,
He saw it best.

EPHRAIM RICHMOND, Died Dec. 24, 1871, Aged 89.

Gone, but not forgotten.

GEORGE RICHMOND, died Sept. 2, 1847, aged 28 years & 5 months.

JOHN RICHMOND, Died May 8, 1855, Aged 41 years and 9 mo.

The grave of
SARAH ISABELLA, daughter of George & Jennet Richmond, who died Oct. 26, 1850, Æ. 2 yrs., 9 mo., & 8 ds.

In memory of
MEHITABLE RICHMOND, wife of Seelye Richmond, who died May 20, 1810, aged 46 years.

SEELYE RICHMOND, died Sept. 20, 1838, aged 68 years & 12 ds.

Two Infants, Children of Seelye B. & Sarah Richmond.

In memory of
MRS. ANNIS, relict of Mr. Abraham Roberts, who departed this life Sept. 28, 1831, in the 70th year of her age.

BENJAMIN J. ROBERTS, died Nov. 13, 1817, æ. 63 years.

In memory of
ELI ROBERTS, who died Sept. 16, 1850, in the 60 year of his age.

In memory of
JOHN ROBERTS, who died June 24, 1836, æ. 74 years, & 1 month, & 23 days.

LYDIA STRONG, Relict of Seelye Richmond, Died July 6, 1853, in the 79th year of her age.

In memory of
ABRAM ROBURDS, who died Feb. 21, 1821, in the 62d year of his age.

In memory of an
Infant daughter of Benjamin & Hannah Roburds, who died Aug. 1, 1813.

Here lies the body of
MR. ELI ROBURDS. He died Sept. 23, 1754, in the 63d year of his age.

Behold and see as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now, so must you be
Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of
JANE ROBURDS, wife of John Roburds, who died Jan. 26, 1812, in the 48th year of her age.

Here lies the body of
MRS. MARY, wife of Mr. Eli Roburds, She died July 3, 1757, in the 63d year of her age.

ALBERT A. C. ROGERS, Died May 23, 1873, æ. 22.

In memory of
BENJAMIN, son of John & Bulen Rogers, who departed this life Mar. 6, 1840, aged 25 years & 11 months.

CHARLOTTE ROGERS, died Sept. 13, 1848, Aged 15 years.

In memory of
EZRA RUGGLES, who died Dec. 18, 1838, in the 68th year of his age.

This monument is erected in memory of
LAZARUS RUGGLES, who died May 6, 1797, in the 67th year of his age.

Death leaves to friends a dear but vacant name
Inscribed with sorrow on the marble page.

In memory of
MERCY RUGGLES, wife of Joseph Ruggles, who died May 9, 1798, in the 37th year of her age.

In memory of
SAMUEL RUGGLES, son of Joseph & Mercy Ruggles. He died Dec. 29, 1787, aged 14 months.

In memory of
DAVID RUMRILL, who died Sept. 23, 1804, aged 20 years.

BRNONI S. SANFORD, who died Oct. 24, 1816, æt. 56.

BETSY NORTHPROP, Wife of Isaac Sanford, Died Sept. 16, 1875, Æ. 89 yrs, 2 mo., & 20 ds.

CAROLINE, only child of David C. & Caroline T. Sanford, died Feb. 14, 1825, aged 1 year, 1 month, & 3 days.

Oh, "how the world falls to pieces round about us
 And leaves us in a ruin of our joy."

CAROLINE T. SANFORD, wife of David C. Sanford, and daughter of Hon. Orange Merwin, died Jan. 20, 1824, aged 23 years, 1 month, & 5 days.

In memory of
EUNICE, wife of Uriah Sanford, who died July 6, 1834, aged 51 years, 7 months, & 3 ds.

FRANCES S. SANFORD, Died Nov. 30, 1852, Æ. 21 yrs., 2 mo., & 21 ds.

In memory of
ISAAC SANFORD, who died June 23, 1824, aged 39 years, 4 months, & 14 days.

MARY SANFORD, Died Feb. 2, 1846, Æ. 36 yrs., 4 mo., & 9 ds.

In memory of
MARY C., daughter of Gould & Sally Sanford, died July 2, 1822, aged 3 years, 1 mo., & 9 days.

PHEBE SANFORD, Died June 2, 1859, Æ. 50 yrs., 7 mo., & 9 ds.

PRUDENCE SANFORD, wife of Benoni S., died Nov. 22, 1841, aged 79 years.

In memory of
Mr. STEBBINS SANFORD. He died Apr. 1, 1757, in the 24th year of his age, beloved of all men.

In memory of
HANNAH, wife of Jotham Sherman, who died Nov. 29, 1848, aged 80 yrs.

In memory of
SALLY SHERMAN, who died Sept. 18, 1816, æt. 36, wife of Zadock Sherman.

Here lies the body of
CHLOE SHERMAN, daug. of Roger Sherman, Esq., & Mrs. Elizabeth, his wife, who died Nov. 13, 1757, aged 2 years, 10 months, & 17 days.

In memory of
DINAH, widow of Ezra Sherman, who died Feb. 21, 1826, Æt. 62.

Here lies the body of
 * **MRS. ELIZABETH SHERMAN**, wife of Roger Sherman, Esq., who died Oct. 19, 1760, aged 34 years. She was daughter of Mr. Joseph Hartwell of Stoughton.

In memory of
EZRA SHERMAN, who died Aug. 25, 1825, in his 63d year.

In memory of
HANNAH, wife of Jotham Sherman, who died Nov. 29, 1858, aged 80 years.

Here lies the body of
OLIVER SHERMAN, son of Roger Sherman, Esq., & Mrs. Elizabeth, his wife, who died June ye 16, A.D., 1757, aged 10 months & 22 days.

Here lies the body of
MR. WILLIAM SHERMAN, who died Apr. ye 20, 1756, Aged 30 years & 20 days. He was the son of William Sherman, which was the son of Joseph Sherman, which was the son of John Sherman of Watertown.

An infant of Zadoc & Sally Sherman, died May 4, 1816.

In memory of
ANN SMITH, wife of Perry Smith, and daughter of Samuel and Hester Comstock, who died Feb. 26, 1826, aged 29 years.

In memory of
ELVIRA SMITH, daughter of Perry & Ann Smith, & granddaughter of Samuel & Hester Comstock, who died Sept. 12, 1836, aged 20 years, 2 mo., & 20 days.

In memory of
 An Infant son of Perry & Ann Smith, who died July 18, 1819.

MARIETTA, wife of Nathan Smith, Died Feb. 27, 1864, Æ. 62.

NATHAN SMITH, Died March 24, 1869, Æ. 68.

In memory of
HON. PERRY SMITH, who died June 8, 1852, Æt. 69 yrs. & 27 ds.

In memory of
SARAH L., daughter of Stephen & Maria Smith, who died Apr. 16, 1830, aged 3 months & 2 days.

She took the cup of life to sip,
 For bitter 'twas to drain;
 She put it meekly to her lip,
 And went to sleep again.

* English blue stone, like Rev. Daniel Boardman's monument.

In memory of
SOPHIA, daughter of Nathan & Marietta
Smith, who died Jan. 24, 1839, aged 5
years, 4 months, & 15 days.

In memory of
ABIGAIL STARR, daughter of Noah &
Clarissa Mygatt. She died Sept. 11,
1795, aged 18 months.

In memory of
DANIEL, son of Josiah & Sarah Starr,
who died May 1, 1826, æ. 49 years.

MR. ELI STARR, son of Col. Josiah Starr,
died Dec. 4, 1835, aged 72 years.

ELI, son of Col. Josiah Starr, Died Dec.
4, 1835, Æ. 72.

In memory of
ELIZA JANE, daughter of William J. &
Sarah Starr, who died Oct. 3, 1832,
aged 20 months & 17 days.

In memory of
COL. JOSIAH STARR, who died Oct. 15,
1813, aged 73 years. Also,

SARAH STARR, his wife, who died Sept.
19, 1805, aged 65 years.

SUSANNA, Relict of Eli Starr, Died Nov.
29, 1851, Æ. 77.

In memory of
MRS. MARY, the wife of Mr. Benone Steb-
bins, deceased February y^e 17, A.D.
1771, in the 78th year of her age.

Here lies buried y^e body of
MR. BENONI STEBINS, who Died Nov.
y^e 14, 1758, in the 70th year of his age.

Behold, all you that pass by,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death, & follow me.

CAROLINE STERLING, Died Aug. 4, 1875,
Æ. 54.

My flesh shall rest in hope.

In memory of
ELIZABETH STERLING, who died June 8,
1838, aged 33 years.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst thy chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

EPHRAIM STERLING, Died Jan. 6, 1854,
Aged 74.

Farewell, dearest father, thy trials are o'er,
Thy labors are ended, thy sorrows are no more.
Farewell, till we meet in the regions above,
To praise our redeemer and talk of his love.

In memory of
JOSEPH, son of Ephraim & Lucy Sterling,
who died Jan. 13, 1828, aged 21 years.

LUCY, Wife of Ephraim Sterling, Died
Jan. 21, 1859, aged 78.

Till the last hour of life thy loss we'll mourn,
And strew thy grave with tears of sorrow shed.
Oh! may we then on angels' wings be borne,
To see her live who now, alas, is dead.

The grave of
VINCENT B. STERLING, who died May
10, 1842, aged 29.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

The grave of
VINCENT STERLING, who died June 8,
1838, aged 33 years.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

In memory of
ALBERT H. STILSON, who died Dec. 18,
1841, aged 34 years.

His last dying words were, In the living and true
God I put my trust.

In memory of
ANNE STILSON, wife of Deacon Riverius
Stilson, who departed this life Oct. 29,
1811, in the 68th year of her age.

In thy fair book of life divine,
My God, inscribe my name.
There let it fill some humble place
Beneath the slaughtered Lamb.

ELVIRA, wife of Riverius Stilson, died
Apr. 20, 1828, aged 22 years, 6 mo., &
12 days.

Trust in the Lord.

HANNAH, wife of John Stilson, died Mar.
25, 1795, aged 54 years.

JOHN STILSON, died Mar. 29, 1821, aged
78 years.

In memory of
JOHN STILSON, JR., who died Apr. 1,
1831, aged 60 years.

In memory of
LUCY, wife of Dea. Nicanor Stilson, who
died Mar. 13, 1855, in the 77 year of
her age.

She rejoiced in the prospect of a blessed immor-
tality.

In memory of
MRS. MARY, the wife of Mr. Moses Stil-
son. She died March y^e 1st, A.D. 1766,
in y^e 58th year of her age.

In memory of
DEA. NICANOR STILSON, who died Dec.
22, 1862, in the 87 year of his age.

In memory of
RACHEL, relict of John Stilson, who died
April 20, 1863, Aged 93.

RIVERIUS STILSON, died Sept. 17, 1830,
aged 24 years & 8 months.

His last words were, All is well with me.

Here lies interred the body of
DEA. RIVERIUS STILSON, who departed
this life Jan. 4, 1802, in the 58th year of
his age.

'Twas sudden death's inverit hand
That cut the silver cord
And loosed the marriage bond.

In memory of
SARAH, the daughter of John & Hannah
Stilson, who died Jan. 9, 1769, in the
6th year of her Age.

In memory of
ASAHEL STONE, who died Apr. 26, 1812,
æ. 76 years:

also his wife,
SARAH STONE, who died Sept. 7, 1806, æ.
66 years.

CURTIS STONE, son of Joel & Chloe
Stone, died Feb. 22, 1833, aged 23
years.

In memory of
MRS. HONOR STONE, wife of Mr. Tru-
man Stone, who died Aug. 8, 1799, in
the 29th year of her age.

Our Father & Mother.
JOHN STOKES, Died Mar. 11, 1844, Æ.
42. His wife,

CATHARINE WRIGHT, Died Nov. 13,
1870, Æ. 68.

In memory of
HENRY SULLIVAN, who died Nov. 8,
1846, aged 49 years.

In memory of
DAVID SUMMERS, who died Jan. 18, 1822,
aged 22 years.

Be ready, ye who see
This monumental stone,
For soon your days will flee,
Like mine forever gone.

The grave of
HELEN MARIA, daughter of Reuben &
Harriet M. Swift, born at Watertown,
N. Y., May 8, 1828, died in New York,
Jan. 5, 1847.

Died Jan. 20, 1843, at New Milford, in
his 71st year,

REUBEN SWIFT, Esq., late of Water-
town, N. Y.

In memory of
COL. WILLIAM TAYLOR, who died Feb.
24, 1841, in the 77 year of his age: also
of

ABIGAIL TAYLOR, his wife, who died Aug.
17, 1845, aged 77.

In memory of
ANNE TAYLOR, wife of Nathaniel Taylor,
Esq., who died Apr. 19, 1810, Æ. 59.

This stone is erected as a tribute of affec-
tion to the memory of

MAJ. GENERAL AUGUSTINE TAYLOR,
who was born Nov. 28, 1755, and died
Feb. 10, 1816, in the 61st year of his
age.

We weep, but we cherish the remembrance of
his example, and we trust in a happier day.

MR. DANIEL TAYLOR. [Apparently a
footstone.]

Here lies Entombed The remains of
DANIEL STARR TAYLOR, eldest son of
William and Abigail Taylor. To per-
petuate the memory of a beloved Son,
His parents have erected This Monu-
ment. He died on the 4th day of Sept.,
1807, aged 19 years.

Silent we own Jehovah's name
We kiss the scourging hand,
And yield our comforts and our life
To thy supreme command.

HARRIET HONORA TAYLOR, daughter
of Gen. Augustine Taylor, born Oct. 9,
1793, Died Apr. 23, 1868.

LAWRENCE TAYLOR, Died Jan. 19, 1857,
aged 58 years.

ELEKTA NORTHROP, Died Dec. 25, 1858,
ÆT. 78.

HARRIET D., wife of Doct. George Tay-
lor, died Jan. 19, 1847, Æ. 41.

JOHN TAYLOR, Esq., died Jan. 18, 1837,
aged 59.

Here lies
JOHN BOARDMAN, first born of the Rev.
Mr. Nathaniel & Mrs. Tamar Taylor,
who died Feb. 4, 1750, aged 18 days.

Taylor Monument.
THE REV. NATHANIEL TAYLOR, de-
parted this life Dec. 9, 1800, in the
79th year of his age, and the 53^d of his
ministry.

He was the second ordained minister of the first
society in the Town; and for 26 years a Fellow
of Yale College.

MRS. TAYMAR TAYLOR, wife of the Rev.
Nathaniel Taylor, and daughter of the
Rev. Daniel Boardman, departed this
life June 27, 1795, aged 72 years.

LAURA, daughter of Nathaniel & Anne
Taylor, departed this life Sept. 10, 1776,
ætas, 11 months.

In memory of
NATHANIEL TAYLOR, Esq., who died
Feb. 21, 1818, in the 65th year of his
age.

SOPHIA TAYLOR, wife of John Taylor,
died Dec. 16, 1812, aged 25 years.

DOCT. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, son of
William and Abigail Taylor, died Oct.
15, A.D. 1818, in the 29th year of his
age.

In memory of
COL. WILLIAM TAYLOR, who died Feb.
24, 1841, in the 77th year of his age.
Also of

ABIGAIL TAYLOR his wife, who died
Aug. 17, 1845, aged 77.

In memory of
MR. JOB TERRILL, who died July 23,
1822, aged 64 years.

His death was occasioned by his falling from a
load of hay, and killed instantly.

JOB TERRILL, son of Deacon Job and
Sarah Terril, aged 10 days; died Nov.
3, 1736.

In memory of
ABIGAIL TERRILL, wife of Caleb Ter-
rill, who died Nov. 1, 1817, aged 97.

In memory of
ASAHIEL TERRILL, who died Jan 15, 1823,
aged 36, 3 Sept., 1822.

In memory of
DOCTOR TERRILL, son of Mr. Caleb &
Mrs. Abigail Terrill, died Oct. 14, 1790,
in the 22d year of his age.

Both old and young, as you pass by,
Stop here and view this place;
Remember, shortly you must die.

Sacred to the memory of
PARTRIDGE THACHER, Esq., who de-
parted this life Jan. 9, 1786, in the 72d
year of his age; And
MARY his wife, who died Oct 7, 1786, in
the 79th year of her age.

Composed by the deceased, P. Thacher, Esq.
Rest here my body till th' Arch Angel's Voice,
More son'rous far than ninefold thunder, wake
The sleeping dead; Then rise to thy just sphere,
And be my home immortal.

The grave of
PHIBE, wife of Elizur Thayer, who died
Nov. 4, 1831, aged 55 years and 8
months.

Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage
supper of the Lord.

In memory of
SARAH THAYER, Wife of William Thayer,
who died Sept. 31, 1863, Aged 89 years.

In memory of
WILLIAM THAYER, who died Apr. 1,
1837, aged 62.

In memory of
DOCT. LEMUEL THOMAS, born in New-
town, Ct., Dec. 2, 1760, died Dec. 2,
1798, aged 38.

SUSANNA, consort of Lemuel Thomas,
daughter of John & Susanna Carrington,
is preserved by this monument.
She died Oct. 16, 1796.

CHARLES E., son of Charles J. & Char-
lotte E. Thatcher, Died June 19, 1869,
Æ. 16 yrs., 1 mo. & 18 ds.

We miss thee, dearly loved one,
And our hearts are full of pain
While we listen for thy footsteps—
We shall hear them ne'er again.

CHARLES J. THATCHER, Died Feb. 18,
1876, aged 64.

CHARLOTTE E. his wife, died —, aged

CLARK H., son of Charles J. & Charlotte
E. Thatcher, died Jan. 20, 1846, æ. 5
mo. & 11 da.

EDWARD A., died Sept. 24, 1844, Æ. 9
mo. & 14 da.

OLIVER, died April 12, 1842, Æ. 8 ds.
Children of Charles & Laura Thomp-
son.

In memory of
ELI TODD, Esq., who died Feb. 12, 1846,
aged 82 years and 2 months.

In memory of
JANE, wife of Doct. Jonah Todd, who de-
parted this life Dec. 1, 1812, in the 84th
year of her age.

In memory of
DOCT. JONAH TODD. He died Mar. 17,
1783, in the 51st year of his age.

Here lies the man that others tried to save,
Himself at last hath reach'd the silent grave;
In silent dust my body lies confined
Until the resurrection call and judgment to man-
kind.

In health one moment; you may be, the next, in
eternity.

Erected in memory of
MERCY TODD, wife of Capt. Eli Todd, &
daughter of Capt. John Merwin. She
died Oct. 19, 1806, aged 39 years, 2
months and 10 days.

In memory of
DANIEL TRYON, who died Mar. 3, 1800,
aged 75 years.

In memory of
MR. CALEB TURRELL, who departed
this life Feb. 25, 1796, in the 79th year
of his age.

In memory of
CHARLOTTE, wife of Asabel Turrill, who
died Jan. 22, 1858, aged 64 years.

In memory of
EDWIN TURRILL, who died July 12, 1845,
aged 27 years.

Sacred to the memory of
ELIZABETH TURRILL, wife of John Tur-
rill, and daughter of James and Eliza-
beth Buck. She died Mar. 16, 1812,
aged 52 years, 1 month, and 3 days.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his
saints.

In memory of
JOHN TURRILL, who was born Mar. 16,
1756, and died Feb. 19, 1829, aged 72
years, 11 months and 3 days.

MAJOR TURRILL, died Oct. 4, 1847, æ.
79 years.

In memory of
MERINDA CLARK, daughter of John & Elizabeth Tyrrel, who died Feb. 5, 1831, aged 43 years, 6 month & 4 days.

We alas! forget, too often,
What a friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love thee as we ought.

In memory of
POLLY, wife of John Turrill, & daughter of Riverius & Anna Stilson, who died June 24, 1853, aged 83 yrs., 3 mo., & 7 ds.

In memory of
MERINDA CLARK, daughter of John & Elizabeth Tyrrel, who died Feb. 5, 1831, aged 43 yrs., 6 mo., & 4 ds.

We also forget too often
What a friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought
We will love thee as we ought.

Here lies the body of
WILL VAUGHAN, who departed this life Aug. 5, 1842, in the 28th year of his age.

HENRIETTA, daughter of David & Ann Umsted, died Apr. 28, 1817, aged 5 years & 3 mo.

In memory of
CHARLES BOARDMAN, son of Federal & Hetty O. Vanderburgh, who died Aug. 24, 1822, aged 1 year & 7 months.

The grave of
LAURA BOARDMAN VANDERBURGH, daughter of Federal & Hetty O. Vanderburgh, who died Mar. 12, 1831, aged 4 years & 9 months.

Here lie the bodies of
JOHN WALTER & JONATHAN, his son; the son died Mar. 23, and the father Apr. 3, 1734; the father aged 62, & the son 28 years.

LAURA JULIA, wife of Henry Walter, and daughter of Anan Hine, died Mar. 30th, 1845, aged 30 years.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH WASSON, relict of Capt. John Wasson of Fairfield, who died at New Milford, Mar. 13, 1827, a. 71.

In memory of
GEORGE, son of William & Lucy Watson, who died Apr. 22, 1831, aged 20 years.

In memory of
JEANNY, wife of William Watson, who died Apr. 16th, 1807, in the 30 year of her age.

In memory of
JOHNSON WATSON, who died Nov. 29, 1828, aged 32 years.

In memory of
KERR, son of William & Jeanny Watson, who died June 11, 1826, aged 27 years.

LEUCY, wife of William Watson, Died Oct. 29, 1873, A. 87.

In memory of
MALVINA, daughter of William & Jeanny Watson, who died Sept. 29, 1830, aged 24 years.

In memory of
ROBERT WATSON, who died May 19, 1850, Aged 25 years.

In memory of
WALLACE, son of William & Lucy Watson, who died Aug. 2, 1830, aged 2 years & 8 months.

In memory of
WILLIAM WATSON, who died Sept. 14, 1831, in the 59th year of his age.

In memory of
WILLIAM, son of William & Jeanny Watson, who died Nov. 22, 1804, aged 2 mo. & 7 days.

In memory of
BENJAMIN WELCH, son of Rev. William & Ruth Welch, who died in the State of New York, aged 47 years.

Here lies interred the body of
MRS. JERUSHA WELCH, wife to Paul Welch, Esq., who departed this life Sept. 28, 1755, in the 53d year of her age.

Reader attend, tho' dead she speaks to thee
Tread the same path, the same thine end shall be.

Here lies the body of
JERUSHA WELCH, daughter of Paul Welch, Esq., & Mrs. Jerusha, his wife, died Mar. 27, 1751, in the 17th year of her age.

Here lies the body of
MR. JOHN WELCH. He deceased May 25, 1732, in the 38th year of his age.

Here lies the body of
JOHN WELCH, son of Paul Welch, Esq., & Mrs. Jerusha, his wife, died Jan. 6, 1744, in the 1st year of his age.

Here lies the body of
JOHN WELCH, JR., died May 1, 1741, in the 22d year of his age.

In memory of
PAUL WELCH, ESQ., one of the first principal settlers of this town, & an original proprietor of the same; departed this life Aug. 26, 1778, in the 82d year of his age.

In his day, served the town in most offices of trust & honor, gave good satisfaction, died possessed of a large estate.

In memory of
MR. THOMAS F. WELCH, who died Jan. 18, 1812, aged 39, son of the Rev. Whitman Welch, who died in Canada, Apr. 8, 1776.

ELIZA COLE, Wife of Philo R. Weller,
Died July 19, 1880, *Æ*. 72.

Her trust was in Christ.

In memory of
ALBINA, wife of James E. Wells & daughter
of Chauncey G. & Amy Stone,
who died Mar. 23, 1843, *æ*. 22 years &
16 ds.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. ANNA WELLS, wife of Mr. Thomas
Wells. She was born Sept. 11, 1751,
& departed this life June 1, 1840, aged
88 years.

NANCY, wife of Phillip Wells, Died Jan.
2, 1865, *æ*. 62.

PHILLIP WELLS, Died April 3, 1866, *Æ*.
79.

The grave of
ANNA SOPHIA, daughter of Philip &
Nancy Wells, who died Nov. 2, 1838,
aged 1 year, 4 mo., & 28 ds.

In memory of
ISAAC C. WELLS, son of Joseph & Jane
Wells, who departed this life Oct. 23,
1829, in the 26th year of his age.

He whose short pilgrimage is ended here below,
Was meek to learn what duty bade him know,
Was wise to shun what'er to vice inclined,
For bless'd religion sanctified his mind.

JANE WELLS, wife to Joseph Wells,
Daughter of Isaac & Jane Clark, who
died Feb. 26, 1808, aged 22.

In memory of
STEPHEN WELLS, who died Feb. 22, 1845,
aged 55 years, 4 mo., & 28 days.

STEPHEN FREDERICK, son of Phillip &
Nancy Wells, died Mar. 14, 1843, aged
2 years, 8 mo., & 22 days.

Sacred to the memory of
MR. THOMAS WELLS, He was born Mar.
28, 1752, & departed this life Feb. 1,
1826, aged 73 years.

Here lies the body of
MRS. MARCY, the wife of Mr. Nathan
Wheler. She died Aug. 10, 1758, in
the 41st year of her age.

In memory of
MRS. ANNA WHITING, widow of the
Hon. William Whiting, who died Nov.
13, 1821, in the 84th year of her age.

ELIZABETH WHITING, Died May 10,
1854, Aged 82.

MARY E., daughter of Reuben P. & Ann
Whitney, Died Nov. 9, 1863, *æ*. 8 yrs.
& 6 mo.

The grave of
CORNELIA WHITTELSEY, wife of George
W. Whittelsey & daughter of Lyman
& Eunice Keeler, who died June 3,
1836, aged 33 years.

Infant daughter of G. W. & C. Whittelsey,
died June 7, 1836, aged 10 days.

DAVID, son of John & Jerusha Wilkinson,
died Feb. 27, 1792, aged 45 years. He
was buried in Bridgewater.

In memory of widow
DORCAS, wife of David Wilkinson &
daughter of Peter and Abigail Brown-
son, who died Jan. 6, 1825, aged 78.

In memory of
AMANDA, daughter of John A. & Susan
Williams, who died Oct. 13, 1837, aged
3 yrs., 2 mo., & 17 ds.

In memory of
BETSEY ANN, daughter of Jehiel & Lois
Williams, who died Mar. 1813, aged 5
weeks.

In memory of
JAMES LAWRENCE, son of Jehiel & Lois
Williams, who died June 17, 1822, aged
7 years & 6 months.

In memory of
JOHN A., son of Darius & Salome Wil-
liams, who died Mar. 3, 1837, aged 11
years.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, Died June 4, 1881,
aged 74 years & 8 mos.

In memory of
LOIS, wife of Doct. Jehiel Williams, who
died Oct. 4, 1823, *Æ*. 40.

SUSAN E., wife of John A. WILLIAMS,
Died Oct. 25, 1878, Aged 70.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Born Sept. 27, 1762,
Died April 12, 1861, *Æ*. 99.

There is rest in heaven.

MARY G., wife of Daniel B. Wilson, Died
Dec. 2, 1846, aged 25.

DANIEL B. WILSON, Esq., Died April 23,
1848, Aged 35.

In memory of
PATIENCE, daughter of Lemuel & Sally
Wooden, who died Sept. 22, 1811, aged
4 years, 11 months, & 28 days.

BURR WOODRUFF, Died Jan. 22, 1859,
Æ. 57.

LOIS L., Wife of Burr Woodruff, Died
Feb. 27, 1875, *Æ*. 77 yrs. & 6 mo.

SOPHIA O., Died Aug. 9, 1855, *Æ*T. 26.

CHARLOTTE, Died Oct. 25, 1836, *Æ*T. 1
yr. & 9 mo., daughters of Burr & Lois
L. Woodruff.

Died Oct. 25, 1836.

CHARLOTTE, daughter of Burr & Lois L.
Woodruff, aged 1 year & 9 months.

AMAZIAH WRIGHT, M. D., died Dec. 11,
1838, in the 63 year of his age.

My flesh also shall rest in hope,
For this corruptable must put on incorruption
This mortal must put on immortality.

MARIA APHIA, wife of Amaziah Wright,
and Daughter of Jared and Aphia Lane,
Died January 30, 1860, in the 73 year
of her age.

Christ helps me. I die, Christ lives.

Inscriptions in the new Cemetery at Bridgewater Centre.

Infant | son of | Otis L. & | Louisa J. Allen |
| Died | Sept 25, 1877.

Infant | Daughter of | Joseph & | Carrie
Bayette | Died | March 16, 1876.

Our Little |

LIZZIE | Daughter of | Jane L. & | Charles
Bayette | Died | May 20, 1880 | Aged
2 yrs & 8 mo.

In | memory of |

ABIGAIL | wife of | Abijah Beach | who
died | Feb 1, 1856 | in her 84 year.

Wrapt in the shades of death
No more that friendly face I see,
Empty ah, empty every place
Once filled so well by thee.

In | memory of |

ABIJAH BEACH | who died | May 5, 1847
| in the 81 year | of his age.

Far from affliction toil and care
The happy soul is fled
The breathless clay shall slumber there
Among the silent dead.

ALBERT BEACH | Died | Aug 18, 1873 |
Æ 79 yrs | & 8 mos.

Beach Monument.

Sacred to | the memory of |

ELIJAH BEACH | who died | April 6, 1833
| aged 29 years.

I shall be satisfied when I awake | in thy likeness,
Ps 17, 15.

We bow Oh, God submissive to thy will
We feel thy chastening rod yet love thee still
Thy Providence now veiled in mystery
In Heaven our home shall all perfection be.

EMILY E. | wife of | Caswell Bates | died
| Sept 17, 1836 | aged 28 years.

S F B

SUSAN F. NETTLETON | Wife of | Rev J
W Beardslee | Married July 23, 1863 |
Died | Aug 30, 1863 | Æ 22.

Thy rest is won sweet sister
Where Angels dwell is now thy home.

LETTICIA | wife of | Calvin Bowers |
Died | July 29, 1865 | Æ 68.

Mouldering beneath the clod
With emphasis I speak
Prepare to meet thy God
His face and favor seek
He is our God, His ways are just
When he commands, we turn to dust.

WAITING IN HEAVEN.

KITTIE | Daughter of | Bruce B. & | Mar-
garet Beach | Died | April 12, 1881 |
Aged 7 yrs & 8 mo.

Safe and sweetly Sleeping
In the arms of Jesus.

SYLVIA | Wife of | Bruce B. Beach | Died
| Feb 15, 1867 | Æ 28.

We would not ask thee if we could
But patient the high decree
That calls our spirits home to thee.

PHILENA | Wife of | Albert Beach | Died
| Apr 13, 1861 | Æ 69.

Rest thee dear one, aye rest in the tomb [soon
The friends that now mourn thee will follow thee
And when the last trumpet shall waken the dead
Oh may we meet thee where tears are not shed.

In | memory of |

DAVID B. BEERS | son of Philo & | Nar-
cissa Beers | who died | Jan 25, 1841 |
Aged 22 years | 7 mo & 16 ds.

Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above
Unmeasured by the flight of years
And all that life is love.

EDGAR BEERS | Died | Nov 14, 1876 |
Æ 25.

PHILO BEERS | Died | Oct 23, 1873 | Æ
29.

PHILO BEERS | Died | May 27, 1856 |
Aged 66.

NARCISSE | His Wife | Died | June 3,
1878 | Aged 85.

LOUISA H. | Wife of | William P. Bennett
| Died | Feb 4, 1873 | Aged 47.

LUE | Wife of | Truman Bennett | Died
| Nov 18, 1862 | aged 84 years.

SARAH M. BENNITT | Died | April 6,
1868 | Aged 60.

TRUMAN BENNITT | Died | July 14, 1853
| aged 80 years.

JULIA wife of John Belfield Died April
18, 1858 Æ 31.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow
God has recalled his own;
But let our hearts in every wo,
Still say thy will be done.

MARY A. wife of John Belfield Died |
April 14, 1855 aged 30 years.

The months of affliction are o'er,
The days and nights of distress;
We see her in anguish no more,
She's gained her happy release.

JERUSHA | wife of | Lewis Booth | Died
| April 10, 1852 | Æ 87.

LEWIS BOOTH | Died | Apr 29, 1850 Æ
86.

ELIZA | daughter of | Nelson & | Louis
Bronson | Died | Oct 1, 1858 | Æ 23.

Died | Jan 2, 1844 |

ANN MARTHA | daughter of | Nelson &
| Lois Bronson | Æ 2 yrs & 3 mo.

NELSON BRONSON | Died | Aug 12, 1878
| Aged 73.

GEORGE BUCKINGHAM | Died | March 5,
1846 | Æ 38.

SARAH B. | His Wife Died | Aug 30,
1868 | Æ 58.

GEORGE H BUCKINGHAM | Died | March
5, 1846 | \AA 38.

SARAH B | His wife died | Aug 30, 1868
| \AA 58.

In | memory of |
MARY M | daughter of | George H & |
Sarah Buckingham | who died | July
26, 1857 | aged 17.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep.

In memory of |
GEORGE HENRY | only son of | Francis
& | Elizabeth A Callegan | who died |
Oct 26, 1850 | aged 5 yrs 3 mo | & 26
ds.

He is gone oh God we humbly kneel
Our sorrow thou alone can'st heal.

DANIEL CANFIELD | Died | Sept 4, 1853
| \AA 79.

DARWIN C | son of | Elijah S & Betsey
| Canfield died | April 8, 1839 | \AA 8
mo.

FREDERIC H | son of | Elijah S & Betsey
| Canfield died | April 5, 1843 | \AA 7
mo.

GEORGE D | son of | Elijah S & Betsey
| Canfield died | March 19, 1843 | \AA
3 yrs 2 mo & 15 ds.

Farewell my father and my Mother dear
I am not dead nor am I sleeping here
Released from all my earth ly cares
I dwell with Christ above.

HARMON E | son of | George & | Catha-
rine Canfield |. Died | Oct 19, 1846 |
Aged 9 mo | & 19 ds.

Taronette my babe no more I'll weep
Nor at thy grave despair
But trust that God hath made my child
His own eternal care.

LENA MAY | Daughter of | Edward S & |
Emma P Canfield | Died | June 26,
1873 | \AA 4 mo & 14 ds.

REBECCA CANFIELD | Died | Sept 3,
1856 | \AA 78.

CHARLES H | son of | Jerome S & | Mary
H Castle | Died | Nov 17, 1857 | \AA 8
mo & 5 ds.

In | memory of |
EMERSON CASTLE | who died | Feb 21,
1845 | aged 29 years.

Dearest mourn not for thy partner
Now releas'd from sin and pain
Wish not back my ransomed spirit
To the weary world again
Though earth's joys to thee have faded
None thy home and sad thy breast
We will meet again rejoicing
Where the weary are at rest.

JEROME S CASTLE | Died | July 15, 1862
| \AA 32 yrs 7 mo | & 12 Ds.

Be ye also ready for in such an hour | as ye think
not the son of man cometh.

In | memory of |
MARY ANN | daughter of | Henry & |
Mary Davis | who died | Sept 14, 1838
| Aged 14 yrs | 8 mo & 19 ds.

HATTIE L | Infant | dau of | Rev W H
& | H L Dean | Died | Feb 11, 1870.

ELIJAH A DUNNING | Died | Oct 30,
1868 | \AA 61.

I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness.

In | memory of |
FRANCIS DUNNING | who died | June 5,
1842 | aged 13 yrs 3 mo | & 24 ds.

MARGERY A | Daughter of | Francis & |
Alice Dixon | Died | Aug 20, 1877 |
Aged 14 yrs | 5 mo & 5 ds.

Though borne from us she is gone to rest
Nay more than that, we know she is blest
And when our pilgrim path is trod
We hope to meet her safe with God.

Our Darling | \AA 2 yrs & 3 mo.
SARAH J | only | daughter of | Francis &
| Alice Dixon | Died | June 23, 1860.

We laid her here with many a sigh
And felt when all was o'er
Our home had one bright angel less
And Heaven one angel more.

CHARLES ERWIN | Died | Feb 15, 1881 |
 \AA 72 yrs.

The days of our years | are three score years and
ten.

HOMER FENN | son of Charles & | Mary
Erwin | Died | April 2, 1864 | \AA 23.
Peaceful be thy slumbers.

LYMAN | son of | Charles & | Mary Erwin
| Died | Oct 13, 1880 | \AA 19 yrs.,
There shall be no night there.

MARY FENN | Wife of | Charles Erwin |
Died | Dec 31, 1874 | \AA 62 yrs.
She hath done what she could.

SALLY ANN | daughter of | Charles & |
Mary Erwin | Died | Sept 28, 1849 |
 \AA 15.

A freshly gathered lilly
A bud of early doom
Transplanted from this earth
To bloom beyond the tomb.

| P F |
PLUR B FENNER | Died | Oct 7, 1852 |
 \AA 36.

In | memory of |
SAMUEL FENNER | who died Jan 8, 1850
| aged 36 yrs.

Could fondest love prevent thy flight
Or ought detain thee here below
Thou long hast lived to bless our sight
And cheer us on this vale below.

CYRUS FRENCH | Died | March 2, 1862 |
Aged 80.

CAROLINE A | Daughter of Gliddon H
& | Lydia Gifford | Died | Nov 5, 1858
Æ 2 yrs & 10 mo.

| Our Darling |

She was the sunshine of our
Home | An angel to us given
Just when we learned to love her most
God called her home to heaven.

MARTHA A | Daughter | of | Joseph C &
| Asenath A Goldsmith | Died | Jan
24, 1868 | Æ 23 yrs 5 mo | & 18 Ds.

GEORGE B GORHAM | Died | Nov 26,
1872 | Æ 26.

Our Jamie.

Infant child of James and Jane Greer.

Elizabeth.

Sleep lovely babe | and take thy rest
God called thee home | He saw it best.

Daughter of James and | Jane Greer |
Died | Nov 8, 1859 | Æ 7 weeks & 3
Days.

JANE | wife James Greer | Died | Sept
17, 1877 | aged 46.

MARGARET A Daughter of | James & |
Jane Greer | Died | Mar 20, 1880 aged
21 yrs & 7 mo's.

Our Joseph

JOSEPH | son of | John & Margaret Greer
| Died | Jan 12, 1860 | Æ 2 yrs & 4
mo.

He's gone but yet his memory
To many a heart is dear
And we who loved him tenderly
Still regret him with a tear.

CHARLES A | son of | Jerome & | Han-
nah Hallock | Died | Nov 21, 1836 |
Æ 4 mos.

O'er thy grave my dearest baby
Bends the willow, blooms the rose
We can give you up to Jesus
He hath brighter flowers than those.

In | memory of |

CHARLES C HATCH | son of Charles C |
& Hunah C Hatch | who died | Oct 9,
1838 | aged 2 years | & 2 months.

In | memory of |

ANSON HURD | who died | Sept 14, 1848
| Æ 61 years.

HARRIET C | daughter of | Rexford G &
| Rebecca Hurd | died Sept 19, 1839
| aged 3 years | & 17 d's.

Also an |

Infant son | died | June 14, 1841.

In | memory of |

LUCY HURD | who died | Mar 18, 1867 |
Aged 80.

REBECCA | Wife of | Rexford G Hurd |
Died | Apr 26, 1872 | Æ 60.

REXFORD G HURD | Died | Jan 12, 1853
| Æ 40.

Blessed are the dead | who die in the Lord.

ABIGAIL | Wife of | Jonathan Jessup |
Died | July 4, 1873 | Æ 72.

ANNIS E | wife of | Joel W Judd | died
| Mar 16, 1845 | Æ 22 yrs & 6 mo.

Time was, is not, thou canst not it recall
Time which thou hast improved the portion small
Time further is not and may never be
Time present is the only time for thee.

ANNIS E | daughter of | Joel W & | Fay-
nette Judd | Died | May 21, 1848 | Æ
6 mo & 23 ds.

Beneath this turf here sleeping lies
A germ of beauty rare
To open soon in Paradise
And dwell with Jesus there.

JULIA C | daughter of | Joel W & | Fay-
ette Judd | Died | Sept 2, 1869 | Æ 20
yrs 1 mo | & 22 Ds.

Be ye also ready.

BURR DEWITT | son of | James H & |
Harriet Keeler | died | May 28, 1863 |
Æ 18 yrs & 2 mo.

Good bye my kind Father and Mother dear
My sisters and brothers I must leave you here
For Jesus is calling and home I must fly,
Try and meet me in Heaven good bye now good bye.

FREDERICK E KEELER | Died | May 20,
1874 | Æ 25.

In | memory of |

GEORGE A | son of | James H & | Har-
riet Keeler | who died | Jan 28, 1859 |
Æ 2 days.

HUGH F | son of | Hugh & | Sarah Kyle
| Died | May 13, 1880 | Aged 1 yr 3
mo | & 16 Ds.

We close the dim and lifeless eye
We smoothed the parted hair
And decked the sleeping form with flowers
But no bright sound was there.

Keeler Monument

COL. | HIRAM KEELER | Died | March 9,
1877 | Æ 73.

SARAH | His Wife | Died | Aug 26, 1872
| Æ 67.

ANTENETT | Daughter of | Hiram & |
Sarah Keeler | Died | April 28, 1848 |
Æ 18.

MARY E Keeler | Died | March 20, 1860
| Aged 52.

Rest.

GEORGE B | Son of | Daniel & | Minerva
Keeler | Died | Jan 1, 1859 | Æ 14
yrs & 11 mo.

Only a little while before
Has our dear brother fled
Only a little while and we
Shall slumber with the dead.

N C K

NANCY C | wife of | Stephen B Keeler |
Died | Dec 31, 1840 | Æ 24.

REBECCA M | Wife of | James H Keeler
Jr | Died | April 27, 1872 | Æ 28.

SARAH wife of | Stephen B Keeler | died |
| Nov 13, 1845 | aged 69 years.

STEPHEN B KEELER | Died | May 9,
1850 | \AA 77.

In memory of |
SILAS KEELER | who died | Mar 30,
1839 | aged 27 years.

Farewell my wife and Infant dear
If ought on earth could keep me here
"T would be my love for you
But Jesus calls my soul away
Since he forbids it longer stay
My dearest friends adieu.

SILAS E. KEELER | Died | July 29, 1869
| \AA 31.

HELEN daughter of | Geo W & Harriet
Knox Died | Jan 10, 1849 | \AA 10 yr
4 mo | & 18 da.

Beloved in life | Lamented in death.

In | memory of |
WALTER LAKE | who died | July 4, 1838
| Aged 32.

ALFRED T | son of | Alfred & | Harriet E
Lavalla | Died | Sept 16, 1854 | \AA 4
yrs & 8 mo.

The dear delights we here enjoy
And fondly call our own
Are but favors borrowed now
To be repaid anon.

LYMAN D | son of | John M & | Sarah E
| Leavenworth | Died | Jan 31, 1864 |
 \AA 6 mo & 21 ds.

And a little child shall lead them
Isaiah xi chap. vi verse.

ROBERT J LIVINGSTON | Died | Feb 6,
1865 | \AA 40.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

DAVID LOCKWOOD | Died | Dec 24, 1841
| aged 81 yrs 6 mo | & 3 ds.

HENRY C LOCKWOOD | Died | April 27,
1853 | \AA 30.

Ah! breathe one sad sigh o'er the tomb of the blest
His music has ceased, he has gone to his rest
My tears shall be shed o'er his new covered grave
While the Cypress and Willow above him shall
wave

His sweet voice is hushed, its music has fled
In silence he sleeps 'mid the mouldering dead
And the lover's of music in sadness now weep
For the friend of his harmony sleeps his last sleep.

MARY A LOCKWOOD | Died | Feb 18,
1859 | \AA 45.

If I trust thy sovereign skill
And how submissive to thy will
Sickness and death shall both agree
To bring me Lord at last to thee.

RUTH | Wife of | Lyman Lockwood |
Died | July 13, 1857 | \AA 68.

By grace ye are saved.

SARAH | Wife of | David Lockwood |
Died | October 19, 1849 | aged 87 years
| 8 mo & 24 ds.

ANNAH M | Wife of | David H Mallett
| Died | May 10, 1875 | \AA 57.

DANIEL MALLETT | Died | March 27,
1867 | \AA 87.

DAVID H MALLETT | Died | Dec 13, 1860
| \AA 44.

EUNICE | Wife of | Daniel Mallett |
Died | Dec 2, 1848 | \AA 56.

SEBKEY MALLORY | Died | Feb 24, 1861
| \AA 46.

JANEZ W. MEAD | Died March 14, 1875
| \AA 81 yrs & 14 ds.

LORANA | His Wife | Died Dec 7, 1878
| \AA 80 yrs 10 mos | & 5 Ds.

AMY | wife of | Daniel Merwin | Died |
Jan 7, 1867 | \AA 68.

DANIEL MERWIN | Died | Nov 17, 1861
| \AA 73.

ADELINE M | wife of Samuel E Merwin
Died Feb 1, 1868 \AA 30 years.

'Tis Jesus the first and the last
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home
We'll praise him for all that is past
And trust him for all that's to come.

JANE M | Beloved wife of Samuel E
Merwin Died Oct 15, 1863 Aged 34
years.

We loved no one can tell
How much we loved her and how well
God loved her too and thought it best
To take her home with him to rest.

MARTHA ANN | daughter of | Levi & |
Sarah E Mc Keney | died Apr 2, 1848
| aged 9 ds.

Sweet lovely babe thy pains have ceased
Thy spirit's gone to be at rest
Thy little head now free from pain
Sleeps on thy loving Saviour's breast.

Mother

CLARINDA | wife of | Daniel Minor |
Died | Aug 16, 1877 | \AA 78 yrs & 9
mo.

EMILY | wife of | Josiah L Minor | Born
| July 15, 1819 | Died | Feb 14, 1850.

GARRY P | son of | William & | Eunice
Minor | Died | Mar 11, 1860 | \AA 10 ys.

My parents dear weep not for me
When in this yard my grave you see
My time was short and blest was he
That called me to eternity.

In | memory of |
SARAH | wife of | Truman Minor | who
died | Nov 23, 1852 | aged 85 years.

In | Memory of |
TRUMAN MINOR | who died | July 6, 1840
| aged 77 years.

WILLIAM H | son of | William & | Eu-
nice Minor | Died | Apr 20, 1855 | \AA 1
yr 5 mo | & 12 ds.

Farewell dear babe thou art gone to rest
Thy sufferings that were so great now are over
Father and Mother mourns thy loss
But we shall meet thee
When the last great day shall come.

ARMOR MOFFATT | Died | June 11, 1858
| Æ 66.

MARTHA | His Wife | Died | Oct 8, 1866
| Æ 67.

LEVI MORRIS | Died | Sept 24, 1850 |
Aged 65.

LAURA | Wife of | Roswell Morris | Died
| Dec 29, 1872 | Æ 77.

POLLY H | Wife of | Levi Morris | died
Aug 16, 1862 | Aged 76 Yrs 8 Mo | &
27 Ds.

ROSWELL MORRIS | Died | Sept 22,
1874 | Æ 79.

ALBERT W | son of | David & Mehittable
Nettleton | Died | Oct 3, 1853 | Æ
2 yrs & 3 mo.

Short pain, short grief | dear babe was thine
Now joys eternal and divine.

CHARLOTTE A | Daughter of | David &
| Mehittable Nettleton | Died | June
27, 1864 | Æ 18.

Hold her O Father in thine arms
And let her be
A messenger of love between
Our hearts and thee.

DAVID C | son of | David & | Mehittable
M | Nettleton | Died | Mar 20, 1850 |
Æ 9 mo | & 12 ds.

Sleep lovely babe
And take thy rest
God called thee home
He thought it best.

DAVID NETTLETON | Died Suddenly |
Aug 8, 1857 | Æ 52.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither | the day
nor the hour wherein the son | of man cometh.
Matt., xxv. 13.

JOSEPH S NETTLETON | Died | Jan 25,
1869 | Æ 31.

'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.
So he giveth his beloved sleep.

In | memory of |

LOIS | Wife of | Caleb Nettleton | who
died | May 28, 1854 | Æ 87 yrs & 8
mos.

I heard a voice from Heaven declare
That they in Christ who die
Rest from their labour toil and care
And rise to joy on high.

MEHETTABLE M | Wife of | David Net-
tleton | Died | Dec 20, 1866 | Æ 57.

Mother

Dear name truest symbol of goodness and worth
That ever in language to mortals was given
God grant that the prayers of our mother on earth
May still be the prayers of our mother in Heaven.

ROBERT D NORTHROP | Died | Aug 7,
1869 | Æ 63.

EDWARD OSBORNE | child of | Rev James
and Amelia C Kilbourn | Died June
20, 1849 | Aged 13 months | & 16 days.

The flower sadeth even so Father | for so it
seemeth good in thy | sight.

EARL N | son of | Northrop S & | Laura
II Palmer | died Jan 23, 1831 | aged 1
year | & 13 days.

Sleep on sweet babe unconscious of that pain
Which rends thy parents agonizing breast
Sleep on, to sorrow never wake again
But wing thy passage to eternal rest.

Our Mother

LAURA II | Wife of | Northrop S Palm-
er | Died | Jan 14, 1867 | Æ 70.

Our Father |

NORTHROP S PALMER | Died | Sept 9,
1868 | Æ 65.

Fear not, for I have redeemed thee
I have called thee by thy name.
Thou art mine.

ABIJAH PATTERSON | Died Jan 5, 1850 |
Æ 76.

HERMAN PATTERSON | Died | Oct 4,
1849 | aged 47 years.

PHEBE PATTERSON | wife of | Abijah
Patterson | Died Sept 12, 1853 | aged
77 years.

EDWIN Y PECK | Drowned | May 22,
1863 | Æ 25.

Edwin thou wilt not be forgot,
Though years shall roll away.

ELLEN A | Daughter of Elijah & | Lavi-
na Peck | Died | June 29, 1850 | Æ 10
mo | & 4 days.

No more the smiling babe is seen
Behold the gaping tomb
The tender plant so fresh and green
Has met its final doom.

In | memory of |

ELECTA PECK | Wife of | Sherman Peck
| who died | Nov 13, 1835 | aged 29
years.

HESTER | Wife of | John B Peck | &
Daughter of | Orrin & | Orrissa L.
Young | Died | Dec 28, 1874 | Æ 44
ys 8 Mo | & 25 Ds.

In | memory of |

HENRY S PECK | who died | Nov 30,
1859 | Æ 25 yrs & 6 mo.

Life is a span a fleeting hour
How soon the vapor flies
Man is a tender transient flower
That even in blooming dies.

The once loved form now cold and dead
Each mournful thought employs
And nature weeps her comforts fled
And withered all her joys.

LAVINIA B | Wife of | Doct Elijah Peck
| Died | April 16, 1874 | Æ 71.

DOCT | ELIJAH PECK | Died | Dec 12,
1869 | Æ 77.

MARTHA A | wife of | Edgar L. Peck |
Died | Jan 22, 1876 | Aged 39.

Our Orrin
 ORRIN E | son of | Cornelius W & |
 Mary E Peck | Died | Feb 1, 1859 | \AA 3 yrs 6 mos & 2 Ds.

We loved him—Yes no tongue can tell
 How much we loved him and how well
 But we do hope God loved him best
 And took him home with him to rest.

Peck Monument
 SHERMAN PECK | Died | Feb 27, 1875 |
 \AA 78.

LOIS | His wife | Died | April 9, 1872 |
 \AA 68.

ELECTA | wife of | Sherman Peck | Died |
 Nov 13, 1835 | \AA 29.

POLLY A | wife of | Isaac J Perkins |
 Died | May 14, 1847 | \AA 56.

Do think as you pass by
 How sudden was my death
 And may you all prepared be
 Before you end your breath.

ALMIRA | wife of | Oliver W Phippeny |
 Died | Sept 14, 1856 | \AA 36.

Oh, I could bow to sorrows storm
 Nor sigh for days more bright
 If ever this beloved form
 Might sleep within my sight.

CHARLES O | son of | James M & | Har-
 riet | Phippeny | died | Sept 28, 1850
 | \AA 6 yrs & 10 m.

Sleep lovely child
 And take thy rest
 God called thee home
 He saw it best.

In | memory of |
 CLOTILDA PHIPPENY | who died | Nov
 10, 1847 | aged 65.

DORCAS | wife of | Peter Phippeny |
 Died | Nov 10, 1844 | \AA 53.

In | memory of |
 HENRY H | son of Peter & | Dorcas
 Phippeny | who died | Oct 28, 1844 |
 \AA 29.

JAMES C | son of James M | & Harriet |
 Phippeny | died | Feb 15, 1849 | aged
 8 mos & 20 days.

JAMES M PHIPPENY | Died | Mar 27,
 1873 | \AA 63.

IDA E | daughter of | James M & | Har-
 riet Phippeny | died | March 16, 1864
 | aged 3 yrs 9 mo | & 16 ds.

Little Ida gone from us
 Her sufferings are o'er
 Her Heavenly Father called her home
 To dwell for ever more.

IRENA A | daughter of | James M | &
 Harriet | Phippeny | died Nov 30,
 1841 | aged 2 y 1 mo | & 18 days.

OLIVER W PHIPPENY | Died | July 31,
 1859 | \AA 42.

Oh Lord the message from thy | throne has come.
 We hear thy | voice and give him back to thee.

PETER PHIPPENY | Died | Oct 1, 1860
 | \AA 81.

SARAH H | daughter of | James M & |
 Harriet Phippeny | died | Sept 3, 1854
 | \AA 3 yrs & 3 days.

So fond desires
 Are often crossed
 And parents hopes
 In death are lost.

Our Clarence
 CLARENCE E | son of | Conrad & James
 L | Pullis | Died | Oct 27, 1870 | \AA 2
 ys & 8 mos.

He was a lovely child; none could see | him but to
 love him.

Friends nor physicians could not save
 Our darling Clarence from the grave
 Nor can the grave retain him here
 When Christ our Savior shall appear

CONRAD PULLIS | Died | Dec 1, 1873 |
 \AA 40 yrs.

His sufferings are over.

ESTHER | wife of | Conrad Pullis | Died
 | July 29, 1866 | \AA 34.

Our Johnny
 JOHN T | son of | Conrad & Esther |
 Pullis | Died | Jan 7, 1859 | \AA 2 yrs &
 6 mo.

Be calm dear parents stay thy grief
 Mourn not for me thy child is safe
 My Savior called my time was o'er
 With him I live to die no more.

Infant | Child of |
 RICHARD & | Laura J Randall.
 LAURA J | Wife of | Richard C Randall
 | Died | Aug 29, 1880, | Aged 33.

Gone home to Heaven.

LITTLE RUTHIE | Daughter of | Calvert
 M & | Emily A Randall | Died | July
 1, 1879 | Aged 1 yr 10 mo | & 23 Ds.

In | memory of |
 POLLY ANN REYNOLDS | who died |
 June 4, 1847 | aged 24 years.

The victory now is obtained
 She's gone her dear Saviour to see
 Her wishes she fully has gained
 She's now where she longed to be.

JOSIAH C ROBERTS | Died | May 3, 1873
 | \AA 50.

Of such is the | Kingdom of Heaven |
 LYMAN J | son of | Joseph C & | Sarah
 S Roberts | Born Dec 6, 1865 | Died
 July 4, 1868.

He was lovely in life
 And beautiful in death.

In | memory of |
 ANNA SANFORD | daughter of | Nehe-
 miah & | Hannah Sanford | who died
 | July 14, 1841 | \AA 49 years.

No more the weary pilgrim mourns
 No more affliction wrings her heart
 The unfettered soul to God returns
 Forever she and anguish part.

Sanford Monument.
GLOVER SANFORD | Born March 3, 1797
| Died May 30, 1878.
BETSEY LAKE | His Wife | Born May 5,
1800 | Died Nov 7, 1859.

In | memory of |
HANNAH SANFORD | wife of | Nehemiah
Sanford | who died | April 24, 1839 |
in the 75 year | of her age.

The months of affliction are o'er
The days and the nights of distress
We see her in anguish no more
She's gained her happy release.

Sanford Monument.
HENRY SANFORD |
ANNA JENNETTE | His wife died | Mar
10, 1844 | \AA 36 yrs.
POLLY B His wife |
CANFIELD H Son of | Henry & Anna J
Sanford | Died Aug 17, 1838 | \AA 20
Da.

Sanford Monument.
JOSEPH SANFORD | Born | May 17, 1792
| Died | Sept 14, 1864 | \AA 72.

ANN | Wife of | Joseph Sanford | Died
Aug 6, 1825 | \AA 23.

HARRIET E | Daughter of Joseph & | Ann
Sanford | Died July 31, 1825 | \AA 1 year
& 10 mos.

MARIA Y | Wife of | Joseph Sanford |
Born | March 11, 1808 | Died | May
26, 1872 | \AA 64.

ORPHELIA F | Wife of | Homer B San-
ford | Died | Sept 13, 1856 | \AA 28.

Where thou art gone
Adieu and farewell are sounds unknown
May I but meet thee on that peaceful shore
The parting sound shall pass my lips no more.

In | memory of |
NEHEMIAH SANFORD | who died | Dec
26, 1844 | \AA 82.

Receive O earth his faded form
In thy cold bosom let it lie
Safe let it rest from every storm
Soon must it rise no more to die.

GEORGE M SHERMAN | Died | July 13,
1866 | \AA 44.

MERCY | Wife of | Sylvester Sherman |
Died | March 21, 1877 | \AA 82.

SYLVESTER SHERMAN | Died | Oct 25,
1867 | \AA 76.

BETTY SHERMAN | Widow of | Elijah
Sherman | Died | Aug 15, 1851 | aged
86 years.

Beloved and respected in life | and peaceful in
death.

BETSEY | Wife of | Nathaniel Smith |
Died | May 17, 1850 | \AA 69.

Smith Monument.
LYMAN SMITH | Died | Feb 8, 1873 |
Age 77 yrs.

SUSANNA | Wife of | Lyman Smith.

NATHANIEL SMITH | Died | June 13,
1859 | \AA 79.

OLIVER SMITH | Died | Feb 22, 1862 |
 \AA 45.

He's gone to meet them.

IDA | died | Feb 3, 1847 | \AA 2 mo & 10
da.

AMY | died | Apr 18, 1862 | \AA 3 mo.

WILLIE A | died | Oct 28, 1861 | \AA 4 yr
& 8 d.

FREDDIE | died | Jan 21, 1856 | \AA 11 yrs
& 1 mo.

ELLA O | died | Jan 22, 1856 | \AA 4 yr &
6 mo.

HATTIE J | died Jan 24, 1856 | \AA 1 yr &
9 mo.

NELLIE M | died | Oct 25, 1861 | \AA 2 yr
& 15 da.

Children of | Oliver & | Sarah Smith.

Lent but not given
Budded on earth
To bloom in Heaven.

DERIUS | son of | Henry B & Charry A |
Sturdevant | Died | Oct 17, 1851 | \AA 4
yrs.

CURRENCE | Wife of | John S Sturdevant
| Died | March 22, 1874 | \AA 73.

JOHN S STURDEVANT | Died | Sept 24,
1872 | \AA 74.

ISABELLA TAPPAN | Daughter | of | Eli
& Isabella M | Sturdevant | Died |
Sept 17, 1870 | \AA 8 mo & 4 ds.

ALBERT THOMPSON | Died | May 21,
1880 | Aged 60.

SIDNEY R | son of | Albert & | Adaline
Thompson | Died | at Georgetown Dc.
Private | in Co C 27 Regt Conn Vol |
Dec 30, 1862 | Aged 19 yrs & 11 mo.

He has been taken from the army of | this world
and transferred to his | friends in the great army
in Heaven.

JOHN S | son of | Samuel & | Elizabeth
M | Thornhill | Died | Sept 16, 1863 |
 \AA 3 yrs 6 mo | & 9 ds.

Sleep on dear little Johnny
And take thy rest
Christ Called you home
He thought it best.

GIDEON W TREAT | Born | Feb 3, 1777
| Died | Sept 30, 1862 | \AA 86.

Spiritual birth | Dec 23, 1813 | In Mis-
sourie.

LUCRETIA TREAT | Died | Jan 28, 1859 |
Aged 79.

In | memory of |

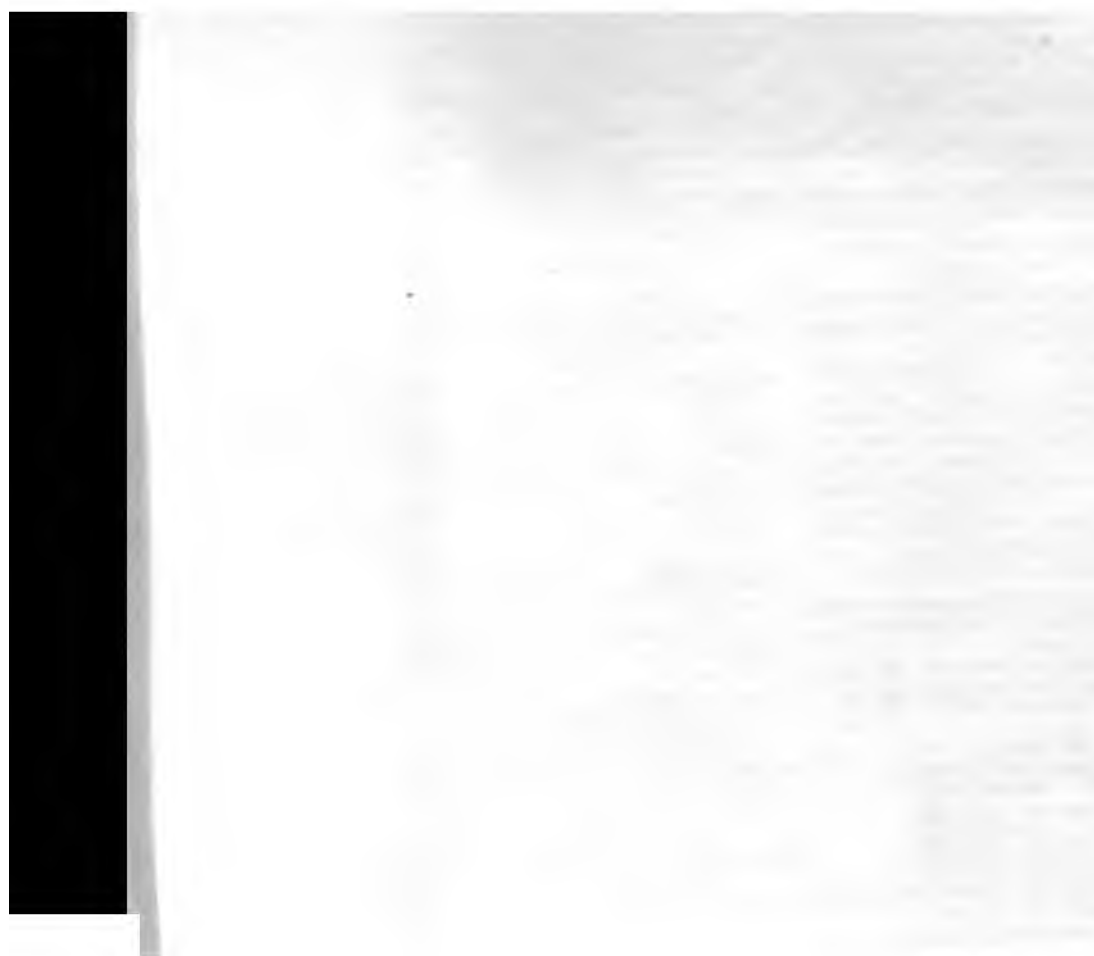
JULIA LUCRETIA | daughter of Homer |
& Beulah Treat | who died Dec 21,
1837 | \AA 13 years 7 months | & 15 days.

- MARY B TREAT | Born Feb 5, 1816 |
Died Sept 16, 1870.
- NELSON D TROWBRIDGE | Died | May
27, 1865 | \AA 55.
- My Wife
- ABBY M | Wife of | Mortimer S Videtoe
| died | Sept 28, 1857 | Aged 36.
- HARRIET E | wife of | Alfred Lavalla |
& daughter of | Aaron D & | Phebe
Wade | Died | March 29, 1856 | \AA 23
yrs 6 mo | & 27 Ds.
- Weep not for me my friends most dear
For God above his will hath done
He brought me weak and feeble here
And now he's called me to His home.
- AMY NETTLETON | Wife of | Isaac Way
| Died | Aug 2, 1861 | \AA 58.
Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.
- AMBROS | died | Feb 5, 1842 | \AA 3 yrs.
- CAROLINE | died | Nov 18, 1843 | \AA 1 yr
& 5 m.
Children of | D M & Eliza Waterbury.
- WILLIAM WATERBURY | Died Dec 29,
1875 | Aged 69
- ELIZA | His Wife | Died June 28, 1881 |
Aged 68.
- HENRY | son of William & | Eliza Water-
bury | Died Aug 27, 1872 | Aged 21.
- GEORGE | son of | James G and | Eliza
M Welton | Died | Aug 20, 1846 | aged
10 mos.
- Mourn not dear parents with sadness
But O, look serenely above
Till you meet in a Heaven of bliss
Your George the child of your love.
- CLARK H | son of | Ransom B & | Sarah
Ann | Wheeler | Died | Dec 5, 1853 |
 \AA 1 yr & 2 mo.
- EDWARD S | son of | David & | Emily
Wooster | Died | Oct 23, 1851 | \AA 2
yrs 9 mo & 10 ds.
- If to him inheritance
Among the blest is given
Tis well that early he exchanged
This vale of tears for heaven.
- BETSEY | Wife of | John Oviatt | And
formerly | Wife of | Peter Wooster |
Died | Aug 28, 1841 | \AA 72.
Wooster Monument.
- DAVED WOOSTER | —
- EMILY C SHERMAN | His Wife Died |
April 17, 1875 | \AA 47 yrs.
- EDWARD S WOOSTER | son of | David &
Emily | Died | Oct 23, 1851 | \AA 2 yrs
& 9 mos.
- JERUSHIA | Wife of | John Wooster |
Died | Aug 4, 1868 | \AA 78.
- JOHN WOOSTER | Died | May 29, 1858 |
 \AA 68.
- Our Morris.
- JOHN MORRIS | son of | Peter & Caroline
| Wooster | Died | Jan 14, 1856 | \AA 5
yrs 4 mo | & 9 Ds.
- These ashes few, this little dust
Our Father's care will keep
Till the Archangels voice shall break
The long and peaceful sleep.
- CALVERT H | son of | Henry B & | Cor-
nelia M Young | Died | Feb 25, 1870
| \AA 18 yrs & 10 mo.
- In God we trust.
- GEORGE S YOUNG | Died | Oct 11, 1870
| \AA 33.
- Infant | son of | George E & | Flora J
Young | Died | April 14, 1869 | Aged
3 Weeks | & 3 Days.
- JOHN M YOUNG | Died | March 12, 1881
| \AA 71.
- LOIS YOUNG | Died | Sept 16, 1852 |
aged 76 | wife of John Young | who
died | at Fort Ann N Y | Oct 13, 1822
aged 56.
- MARY C | daughter of | Henry B & |
Cornelia Young | Died | Aug 5, 1848
| \AA 3 mo & 2 ds.
- Farewell dear babe farewell
Thou'rt sleeping neath the sod
Sorrows now thou knowest not
Peacefully resting with thy God.
- MYRA | Wife of | John M Young | Died
| Feb 25, 1870 | \AA 57.

CORRECTION.

In the old Bridgewater cemetery should be the following in full:

In | memory of |
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